# **Next Power in Congress:** A Man of Complex Ideals

#### Gingrich's Hard-Line 'Family Values' Belie Reality of His Own Upbringing

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New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — It was September

1942 when 16-year-old Kathleen Daugherty married Newton C. McPherson Jr., a 19-year-old mechanic in a small town in Pennsylvania. In three days, the marriage fell apart; nine months later, she gave birth to a baby boy, whom she named Newton

When Kathleen remarried three years later, her new husband, Robert B. Gingrich, an army artillery officer, adopted her son, who took his stepfather's name.
Today, the boy, Newt Gingrich, is on the

verge of becoming the speaker of the House and next in the line of succession for the presidency after the vice president. He says he wants to do nothing less than to save American civilization with a renew-

al of family values.

But, while he often refers to an idealized American family life with Ozzie-and-Harriet mores, Mr. Gingrich has made it clear he did not have such an upbringing himself. As he told The New York Times in the spring: "I'm not sitting here as someone who is unfamiliar with the late 20th centu-

He was born fatherless to a teenage mother. He married against his adoptive father's wishes and later underwent a bitter divorce. While promoting family values, he remains close to a daughter who vocally supports abortion rights and a half-sister who is gay. As he has said, he knows life can be complicated.

Kathleen Gingrich, now 68, said that when she was 16, her father was killed in a car accident. He had been the stabilizing influence in her family, she said, and when he was gone, she turned to Mr. McPherson, whom she had known only briefly. "I never should have gotten married to start," she said in a telephone interview from her home in Dambin, a small town near Harhome in Dauphin, a small town near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Her new husband stayed out late at the gool hall one night, she said, and when she nied to wake him in the morning to go to work, "he got mad and he hauled off and hit me. It was the only time, believe me."
"We were married on a Saturday, and I

left him on a Tuesday," she said. "I got Newtie in those three days."

She was not working at the time and could not support herself, so she moved in with her mother, a schoolteacher.

Newt grew up under the tutelage of his maternal grandmother, with whom he shared a bedroom and who stayed with them after Kathleen remarried. His grandmother taught him to read, which he does

voraciously to this day.

After the war, his biological father, who had been in the navy, remarried and had two other children. Young Newt retained some relationship with him and was with him when he died at age 48 of lung cancer.

His mother went on to have three daughters with Bob Gingrich. She summed up the relationship between her son and husband by saying, "Newtie is a talker; Bob is not." She said her husband pre-

ferred doing crossword puzzles.
One of Mr. Gingrich's closest friends. former Representative Vin Weber, said the father-son relationship was complex. "On one hand, there is a side of Newt that is brash, disrespectful of authority and certainly willing to challenge authority, but on the other hand, he really does value father relationships if they can begin to develop," he said.

Mr. Gingrich, who declined to be inter-viewed for this article, once told a reporter that he could not finish Pat Conroy's novel
"The Great Santini," which was about a boy's struggle to prove himself to his fa-ther, an overbearing military officer. "His father seemed like a cold, austere kind of person," a former political associate, L. H. (Kip) Carter, said of Mr. Gingrich's view of his adoptive father. "He's felt abandoned his whole life."

Kathleen Gingrich said that of the myriad photographs that have appeared lately of her son, the only one her husband wants to frame is the Nov. 7 cover of Time. It shows a snarling Newt with his mouth agape and the cover line: "Mad As Hell."

The speaker-to-be is consumed with things military, and he often closes his speeches with bursts of patriotism and a reference to his stepfather's military ca-

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# Italian Politics as Usual? Berlusconi's War With Magistrates,

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By Alan Cowell

ROME—It is not unusual for Italian governments to be labeled shaky or fractious or frail or embattled: the country, after all, has had 52 of them since World War II. So there has been plenty of time plenty of time — and plenty of govern-ments — to build a political vocabulary suggesting a penchant for instability as

It is not unusual, either, for them to teeter on brinks, dissolve and change like the colors in a child's kaleidoscope. And with the announcement that the public prosecutor's office in Rome on Thursday ordered an investigation into alleged misconduct in office by Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, the current

Minister Savio Berusconi, the current troubles deepened.

But two things distinguish the crisis swirling around the rightist government of Mr. Berlusconi — the self-described harbinger of renewal now enmeshed in intimations of the same corruption as

he campaigned against - from many of

Throughout the Cold War, when the Christian Democrats kept power as the political deadweight that resisted Communist encroachment, successive coali-

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tions were underpinned by a fundamental political arithmetic: With a majority the voters on their side, the many coalitions had a basic community of interest in sharing the spoils of power.

Mr. Berlusconi's coalition, by contrast, has no such inner cohesion, as one of his ministers, Labor Minister Clemente Mastella of the small Christian Democratic Center party, seemed to say Thursday as the prime minister strove to unite his fractured coalition.

longer exists," Mr. Mastella said. "We

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# Serbs Tighten Siege In UN's Safe Zone

#### Bosnia Appeals for a NATO Rescue, But Alliance Is Split on Its Response

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

ZAGREB, Croatia — Fierce fighting raged around Bihac on Thursday as Serbian forces pursued a steady advance toward the center of the northwestern Bosnian town and NATO failed to agree on how to

Claire Grimes, a spokeswoman for the United Nations here, said Bosnian Serbian troops advancing from the southwest had reached a point about a kilometer from the center of Bihac, a mainly Muslim town of about 45,000 people that has recently made a nonsense of the "safe area" status accorded it by the United Nations last

"After a brief lull early in the day, there has been heavy fighting inside the safe zone, to the southwest of the city and on Debeljaca hill," Ms. Grimes said.

Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian prime min-ister, said Debeljaca, a steep hill inside the safe area, had been taken by the Serbs, but there was no confirmation of this from UN officials.

"The Serbs are attacking with tank fire and artillery fire and have taken the hill." Mr. Silajdzic said. "We have appealed to NATO to act immediately to stop these

Rapid action by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization appeared unlikely, however. At an emergency meeting of the NATO Council, alliance ambassadors failed to agree on how to stop a Serbian offensive that NATO is technically bound to curb because the Serbs have already encroached on the Bihac safe area, made up of the city and its immediate surround-

In a strikingly bland statement given the gravity of the situation on the ground, NATO said it "supports ongoing diplomatic efforts to create an effective stabilization in and around Bihac, and would be ready to consider how to assist the United Nations in implementing those objectives once they have been agreed."

In essence, the NATO debate centered on whether to break out of a cycle of messy compromises in the 31-month-old Bosnian war by using extensive force against the Serbs, or settle at Bihac for the inconclusive arrangements that have prevailed at other Muslim enclaves attacked by Serbian

Concerted use of NATO force, favored by the Clinton administration if the Serbs do not stop their offensive at once thele put the UN peacekeeping operation and perhaps relations with Russia 21 risk.

But another compromise such as those that prevailed at Srebrenica. Reported Gorazde, other Muslim enclaves that were ultimately rendered powerless of Sections: attacks, might merely prolong the war assuggesting the alliance lacks desermina-

Formally, the United States and the cothe extension of the Bihac safe area on Thursday by about 6 kilometers :its complete demittarization. the guarantee of safe passage out the the Muslim-led Bosnian troops, and an untimatum to Serbian forces to withdraw from the safe zone or face air strikes. Western officials said.

But the proposal met resistance because France, the largest contributor to the UN force, with about 6,000 men, wanted to know what troops would police this newly extended safe area, remote from the UN military headquarters in Sarajevo.

Beyond this debate, however, a deeper one raged Thursday between the United States, West European powers and the UN military commanders in Bosnia, the officials said.

If NATO was compelled to use force again, the United States argued for a wideranging air attack against the Bosnian Serbs that would include, or perhaps even be confined to, targets outside the Bihac area, a senior official said.

'We don't want to carpet-bomb Pale," he said, referring to the self-styled capital of the Bosnian Serbs. "But we would not be averse to seeing a fuel dump or an ammunition dump go up somewhere, be-cause we believe it would focus the Serbs' minds. And we don't believe they are crazy enough to harm the United Nations peace-

keepers. The justification for such action would be that the Serbs have encroached on a safe area and threatened UN troops there, so hitting any military target likely to reduce the Serbs' ability to wage war is justified. But the commander of UN forces in

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# And Allies, Makes This Crisis Different

endemic as the common cold.

"The coalition as it stands now no

# China's Creditworthiness Raises Foreign Eyebrows

ional Herald Tribine

HONG KONG — A growing list of unpaid bills and credit disputes between Chinese state companies and their foreign business partners and creditors is prompting the uneasy question: Is China good for

The disputes, and widespread fears that many more lie just under the surface, are making the international business community increasingly worried about its Chinese risk, according to bankers, lawyers and financial analysts here and in Beijing involved in deals in China.

Two fresh cases are being watched with particular concern: The reluctance of China's huge state-owned investment bank, China International Trust & Investment Corp., or CITIC, to pay for the metaltrading losses of its Shanghai branch, and a suit in New York by Lehman Brothers Inc. to recover \$97.5 million in foreignexchange trading losses.

"When people wake up to China's view toward contracts and the ad hoc accommodation that is often demanded in practice, it's sure to give them pause," said a

Kiosk

**Israel Condemns** 

Bomber to Death

A military court on Thursday sentenced a member of Hamas, the mili-

tant Muslim group, to death for planning the bus bombing that killed five people in April, Israel Radio said.

Unless the death penalty is over-

turned by a higher authority, Said

Badarneh, 24, will be the first person

to be executed in Israel since Adolf

Because of industrial action affecting our Paris composing room, distribution of Thursday's International Herald Tribune was disrupted at all of

its printing sites. The newspaper re-

grets any inconvenience caused to its

Eichmann in 1962, it said. (Page 2)

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"With most disputes like this it's not a question of a company's creditworthiness. but the firm's interest in meeting its obligations," the lawyer said, echoing a senti-

Last month, a group of foreign banks

Even Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong ty-coon and an adviser to Beijing who holds See DEBT, Page 4

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service

nearly four decades of one-party government in Japan

last year had settled in recent months into a period of

quiet maneuvering over who would control the slow

reconstruction of the country's political order and

But suddenly the apparent calm has been shattered,

with the conservative rebels who brought down the old

system 18 months ago voting to dissolve their new

parties in a kind of parliamentary free-for-all and the

Socialists, led by Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama,

on the verge of splitting because of a deep ideological

how much the economy would be opened.

TOKYO - The political earthquake that ended

Beijing-based lawyer, who spoke on condition that he not be identified.

ment widely held among Western businesses closely watching the New York

asked the government to step in and help recover \$600 million in unpaid loans from leasing deals.

The cases have laid bare the abundant uncertainties of investing in a Communist country moving quickly but not completeby to a market economy. They also high-light the fundamental issues China must confront if it hopes to avoid higher financ-ing costs for its huge development needs in coming years, bankers and lawyers involved in China said.

Development has brought a huge thirst for funds. China's foreign debt is expected to surpass \$100 billion this year after hitting \$85 billion on 1993.

HOLIDAY FOOTBALL — The Detroit Lions' Barry Sanders getting past the Buffalo Bills' Henry Jones for a touchdown Thursday in the traditional Thanksgiving Day football game in Detroit. The Lions won, 35-21. Page 19.

# Clinton-Dole Deal: Way to Avoid Gridlock

By R. W. Apple Jr.
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Things will not always be so easy, but the agreement be-tween the White House and Senator Bob Dole of Kansas on the worldwide trade pact demonstrated that the Republican triumph in the midterm elections need not produce two years of gridlock in Washington, with Congress and President Bill Clinton constantly at war.

It will certainly be difficult for Mr. Clinton to govern, but it will not be impossible, as some shell-shocked Democrats had first

Mr. Dole's decision to support the trade

agreement suggests that he, and no doubt many other Republican lawmakers, believe that their party's self-interest lies in accomplishment, not in relentless naysay-

ing.
If that proves to be the case, a long series of negotiations lies ahead between the Re-

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publicans at one end of Pennsylvania Avenue and the Democrats at the other, issue by issue, with each seeking not only political advantage but also a record of achieve-

ment for an electorate that demands change.

Mr. Clinton will win some and lose

some. At times, he will find Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina and friends blocking his path or lobbing verbal grenades at him. But on other matters, including some of the items in the Republicans'
"Contract With America," deals will probably be possible.

Admittedly this was a special case. The new accord negotiated under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which now seems headed for passage in next week's lame-duck session on Capitol Hill. was a Republican project from the start. negotiated first by the Reagan administra-

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# For Japanese, All Is 'Confusion' in the Latest Political Free-for-All

heading toward a period of deepening political tur-moil just as the Parliament has introduced a new election system that is bound to change its character.

**NEWS ANALYSIS** into a new world trading system within the next several weeks. But beyond that, most observers in

One of the few remaining certainties is that the

Parliament appears likely to vote for Japan's entry

Japan expect greater upheaval. With tensions running high, Mr. Murayama has

reportedly agreed to cancel an important visit to

The world's second-largest economy is suddenly China in mid-December so that he can devote himself to preserving his party. in one of the most potent symbols of the reordering.

the Japan New Party of former Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, whose formation prefigured this extraordinary realignment of Japanese politics, has voted to disband. And Thursday, the remaining conservative and centrist opposition parties confirmed they will dissolve by early next month, closing a brief but interesting period.

"What we did had great significance, because we proved there can be a change of government in Japan," said Tsutomu Hata, the leader of the opposition Japan Renewal Party and prime minister for a brief, turbulent period last spring.

Together, these groups said they would form a loose-knit party, to be called the New Progressive Party. They vowed to unite to bring down the present governing coalition, consisting of the Socialists and the rightist Liberal Democratic Party.

But shortly after forming the new party, several opposition leaders admitted that it was likely to be temporary and would probably disband soon, perhaps after the next election.

"In a way, this is a transitional step," said Kazuo Aichi, a former defense minister and a leader of the nascent party. "This group has not exactly agreed on a platform. Rather, this resulted from a number of

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# How Argentines Domesticated Their Once Coup-Prone Armed Forces

By Calvin Sims New York Times Service

BUENOS AIRES - Ever since Argentina's defeat by Britain in the Falkland War in 1982, the armed forces have been in decline here, and President Carlos Saul Menem has virtually eliminated any threat of a future military coup through a series of steps since

The Menem government has cut military spending in half, reduced the armed forces to 20,000 troops from 100,000, retreated from unprofitable military enterprises and abolished mandatory military service

perhaps the army most subordinate to democratic rule, "It's a role that we are still defining, but one that will

trepidation, that a return to power by the military is highly unlikely.

Government officials said the future role of the military in Argentina was most likely to be limited to guarding the 2,150-mile frontier, combating terrorism

We intend to professionalize the military, to give it The Argentine military, well known for violent a new look, a new role in our society," Defense

show our citizens that the military can be a constructive force."

Mr. Menem has gone out of his way to keep top military brass happy during the dismantling of the military establishment. He has granted broad pardons to officers on trial for rights abuses and to military personnel and civilians who took part in past upris-

In recent weeks, Mr. Menem has angered human-

rights groups by telling Argentines "not to look back"

on the rights abuses committed during the "dirty war," the military junta's fight against leftists in the 1970s, and by praising the military's role.

Mr. Menem, who himself was imprisoned for five

years by the military, said his incarceration gave him "more authority than many to talk about this."

Horacio Jaunarena, a member of Congress and defense minister under Mr. Menem's predecessor, Raul Alfonsin, thinks that Mr. Menem has gone too

"By dismissing the human-rights abuses as a thing of the past, Menem is trying to make up for what he can't give the military in increased funding," he said. "But to do this is a mistake because this country is not yet ready to forget the past. We are still in the healing process.

Throughout its history, Argentina has been dominated by military governments with a record of hu-

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taking office in 1990. in favor of a professional force.

coups and political ambition, has become innocuous. Minister Oscar Hector Camilión said in an interview.

Almost everyone here agrees, albeit with slight

"They no longer wield the power they had 5 or 10 years ago," said Martin Abregu, director of the Center for Legal and Social Studies, a human-rights group

and joining international peacekeeping missions.

# From Bad to Worse for Health Care in Eastern Europe

By Jane Perlez New York Times Service

CONSTANTA, Romania — In the shabby maternity ward of the county hospital here, Dr. Veronica Niculescu threw a greasy slab of brown soap onto a table. Crudely made from cheap fat, the soap smelled like a barnyard.

"This is the only soap we have, and it has no disinfectant properties." she said with disgust. "We are told by the government: hospitals and medicine are not productive, so you get no money from us."

The hospital had run out of rubber gloves, and there was no money in the budget to pay for heat this winter, she said

Romania's health system is proba-bly the poorest in Eastern Europe and has suffered one of the sharpest declines since communism collapsed in 1989. But all over the formerly Communist region, financially strapped governments have neglected health care and now face what experts are calling an unprecedented

"The mortality and health crisis burdening most Eastern European countries since 1989 is without precedent in the European peacetime his-tory of this century," Unicef said in a report issued in August.

A surge in deaths, particularly among adult men, could be attributed to the erosion of medical services. widespread poverty and stress, the UN report said. At the same time that services were declining, the ef-

By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service

action, an Israeli military court

sentenced a Palestinian to death

on Thursday for having planned a bombing that killed

five Israelis and the bomber in

capital punishment in a dozen

years or more, Israeli civil-

rights lawyers said, and they

expressed doubts that this sen-

tence would be carried out any

more than three or four others

Israel has no death penalty

except in cases involving Nazi

war criminals and their collabo-

rators. The only person execut-ed here was Adolf Eichmann.

architect of the Nazi program

to exterminate the Jews, who

death. But the conviction was

overturned by the Israeli Su-

preme Court last year, and Mr. Demjanjuk was allowed to re-

turn to his home outside Cleve-

Uri Dromi, a government spokesman, said official policy

on capital punishment had not

John Demjanjuk, found

was hanged in 1962.

that were ordered in the past.

It was the first time that a

military court had called for on their own called for the

northern Israel last April.

JERUSALEM - In a rare

fects of smoking, pollution and diets in poor health care have drawn sudheavy with fat were leading to more den attention in Eastern Europe as

illness, it added. A World Bank assessment this fall concluded that the health situation was so bad in much of Eastern Europe that it was beginning to affect the ability of some countries to compete on the world market.

The Czech Republic is the only East European country where attempts have been made to change the medical system from the Communist model and where the mortality rates have not risen.

Many patients say that health care during the Communist era was far from perfect, and indeed, often a scary procedure. But at least, they say, it was basically free, with addi-tional bribes usually being not much more than a box of chocolates or flowers for the doctor.

Technically, health care in the former East bloc countries remains free. But in many cases, patients complain that payments to doctors are now expected in cash — and in substantial amounts. Only in the Czech Republic has a system been set up where doctors can open a private practice and their patients can get insurance reimbursement.

The gap in health care systems between the former Communist countries and Western Europe is "wide and growing," said Alexander
S. Preker, who wrote the World Bank

report.

The economic consequences, as well as the human tragedies, involved

est court ruling, by three offi- else - how about this?" " Mr.

raelis with their leaders' inabil- in the Israeli Parliament for the

ity to stop a wave of suicide death penalty in terrorism

attacks by Islamic radicals that cases. "This decision will gener-

has claimed about 30 Israeli ate a lot of debate, but I think lives in recent weeks.

bus station of Hadera on April in which judges had sentenced

13. Mr. Badarneh, who is from defendants to death, including

Yaabed, a village near the a man she had represented in

northern West Bank town of the late 1970s. All the sentences

Prosecutors had recommend- reject capital punishment," Mr.

cers on reserve duty, may reflect Dromi said.

ed a life sentence, but the judges Dromi said.

An Israeli Court Sentences

Arab to Death for Bombing

a growing frustration among Is-

death of the Palestinian, Said

Badarneh, 24, who was said to

have trained the suicide bomber

who blew up a bus in the central

Jenin, belongs to the Islamic

Resistance Movement, com-

they felt that long prison terms

had failed to deter Islamic sui-

cide attackers.

monly known as Hamas.

these findings have come to light: Surprisingly, it is not the very young or the old who appear to have suffered most from the creaking health systems, but rather working men between the ages of 20 and 59. The death rate among men, suffering from cardiovascular problems and cancers, has soared in all countries

The gap between West and East is 'wide and growing.'

covered by the Unicef report, which included Russia and Ukraine, except in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. • Entitlement to a wide range of health services, which was considered one of the mainstays of the Communist era, had begun to diminish before 1989 and has eroded fur-

• Bribery by patients to doctors and nurses was commonplace under the Communists but has become even more pervasive in some countries as state-run medical institutions pay doctors less than bus drivers. In Poland, a leading newspaper, Rzecz-pospólita, estimated this month that one-fourth of all the money spent annually in Poland on health care was spent by patients on "bribes and

Patients throughout Eastern Eu-

Helena Gasiorowska, a 58-yearold grandmother who retired early from her bookkeeper's job in Warsaw because of eye problems, has been treated for glaucoma since 1987. She has had three operations. But each time she has been treated -in one of Warsaw's better hospitals -the doctors use the same antiquated diagnostic equipment, she said.

"Even the doctors complain about the equipment," she said. After each operation, she has stayed in hospital rooms with eight beds. "They were always all occupied," she said.

The price of the prescribed medicine, which should be paid for by the insurance system but is not, is be-yond her ability to pay from her monthly pension of about \$150, she

"I have to buy a small tube of pills, which cost 600,000 zloty, and I have to take them all the time," she said. That is about \$25. "I worked for 36 years, all the time paying an insur-ance premium, and now when I need health care I get nothing from it."

In Romania, relatives of patients bring food and even basic medical equipment to the hospital. In complicated cases, surgeons are given hefty under-the-table payments to operate. Liliana Miron, a 27-year-old social

worker in Constanta, said her family had to pay unofficially the equivalent of about \$115 to a neurosurgeon in Bucharest to operate on her father.

rope say they feel helpless about the medical care they receive.

surgeon's monthly salary from the government, she said.

"If we didn't bribe, the doctor wouldn't operate," she said, adding that the family provided medicine and syringes.

In some cases, where patients cannot afford to pay the nurses for special care, patients die.

At the Constanta County Hospital during the summer, a poor couple could not afford to pay \$1.15 for imported cigarettes for the nurse who was supposed to feed their baby, who was born with a cleft palate. The baby died, officials with an international adoption agency said.

Doctors and hospital directors say they are losing faith in the medical systems in which they work. Doctors must cope with rundown equipment, some of which is so old it cannot even be repaired. In some places, the best hospitals do not have basic supplies.

In the Czech Republic and Poland, the big specialist hospitals are in even

worse shape.
To little avail, proposals have been made in Poland and Hungary to overhaul the medical systems so that those who can afford to pay at least a little toward their health care do so. This would then enable those who cannot afford to pay to get better treatment, experts say.

But so far, these health care systems remain much as they did under the last years of communism. "The belief that health insurance exists in Poland is a myth," said Jacek Ruszkowski, an adviser on health care The payment was about twice the reform to the World Bank in Poland.

# WORLD BRIEFS

#### Corsican Separatists Ready to Talk AJACCIO, Corsica (Reuters) — The main separatist group

fighting for Corsican independence from France said Thursday it

was ready to negotiate a compromise with Paris.

The "historical branch" of the National Front for the Liberation of Corsica, or FLNC, said in a letter to Interior Minister Charles Pasqua that it would suspend all attacks against civil Charles Pasqua that it would suspend all attacks against civil servants in mainland France and non-Corsican residents of the

But it would continue to fight real estate developers and drug traffickers, it said. The front said it was waiting for a goodwill gesture from Paris that would include freeing jailed Corsican separatists and willingness to consider granting Corsica special overseas-territory status. The front's other branch halted violent

#### **Dutch Artist Loses Legs to Car Bomb**

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — Rob Scholte, a leading Dutch contemporary artist, lost his legs Thursday when a grenade in his car exploded in central Amsterdam, the police said.

The device went off just after Mr. Scholte, 36, started the car.

The vehicle burst into flames, filling the surrounding streets with smoke. The police said they were baffled by a possible motive for the attack, the latest of several unexplained blasts in major Dutch cities over the past two months.

#### Minority Parties Jockeying in Nepal

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) - With no single group getting a. majority in Nepal's election, a Communist alliance and the ruling Nepali Congress party both claimed Thursday that they would

form the next government.

Man Mohan Adhikary, 72, leader of the Communist alliance. said he had "support from other political groups on the floor of " the house," after meeting with King Birendra, the constitutional

The president of the Nepali Congress, Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, also met with the king and said he could put together a majority with the support of a pro-monarchy group. The National Democratic Party, which has 20 seats, was talking with both larger parties. It said it would announce its intentions Friday.

#### 2 Slain in Rash of Japanese Shootings

TOKYO (AP) - Two more people were killed and one was wounded seriously Thursday as a rash of shootings continued, intensifying worries that illegal handgun ownership is proliferat-

The police reported four separate shooting incidents Thursday, including one in a hospital in southern Fukuoka prefecture in which six shots were fired into a patient's room. The patient, a leader of an underworld group, was not wounded.

In Osaka, a man was fatally shot in the head in a robbery at a finance company. Also in Osaka, the president of a jewelry company was shot in the chest and seriously wounded near his office. In Tochigi prefecture, north of Tokyo, the police reportedly found the body of a 27-year-old man shot in the face at his home.

#### For the Record

Clashes between Islamic fundamentalist demonstrators and Palestinian police in Gaza last week left 12 dead, the youngest a 13year-old boy, according to a Gaza hospital.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### **Iberia Ground Staff Calls Stoppages**

MADRID (Reuters) - The ground staff of Spain's state in Madrid and Barcelona airports to protest management plans to lay off 5,000 workers and sell assets to avoid bankruptcy.

The Madrid staff agreed at a special assembly that they would

paralyze the capital's Barajas airport for two hours on Friday. Barcelona workers called an indefinite assembly for Monday morning, which would amount to a strike.

Iberia's board said Wednesday that the airline would start laying off workers starting on Monday if unions did not accept its restructuring plan, which involves a 15 percent pay cut.

Gambia said the country was safe for tourists and complained bitterly about British government advice to keep away from the West African country due to mounting insecurity. The British Foreign Office advised people on Wednesday not to travel to Gambia and told travel companies to bring tourists home. The country's military ruler overthrew the former president in July. Troops loyal to the military leader crushed a countercoup attempt

Thick fog hampered air traffic in northern Italy and touched off chain collisions on highways. Flights were delayed or rerouted to other airports in Milan, Turin and Venice.

Territorial officials in Russia have declared a state of emergency in the Primorsky region of the country's Far East, where 43 people have died in a diphtheria epidemic.



LAUREATES IN SPAIN — Yasser Arafat with Prime Minister Felipe González in

Lauda Air has inaugurated a twice-weekly flight to Singapore

Madrid, The PLO leader and Yitzhak Rabin of Israel were in Spain to receive a peace prize from Vienna. It will fly on Thursdays and Saturdays and continue Thursday. Prime Minister Rabin said talks on Palestinian elections would reopen Monday. on to Sydney and Melbourne.

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#### A week earlier, another Hamas member blew himself up on a bus in the northern Israeli on a bus in the northern Israeli town of Afula, killing eight others. Both attacks, Hamas said in guilty in 1988 of having been the Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Tershipers by an Israeli settler in It's Lost in Israeli radio quoted the three **Translation** judges as saying that, while they knew international opinion was against capital punishment.

There have been calls in vain

Palestinians in the West

Bank are tried by Israeli mili-

tary courts, and Leah Zemel, a

civil-rights lawyer, said she

knew of at least three instances

were reduced to life prison

terms by the military court of

appeals, she said.

**BUENOS AIRES** — Argentina blamed a translation error on Thursday for a diplomatic "Maybe those three people, incident with Israel over its who come from the Israeli pub-willingness to withdraw from the Golan Heights.
President Carlos Saul

Menem, visiting Damascus, was quoted as telling reporters that he had conveyed to the Syrian president, Hafez Assad, a message from Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel that Israel was willing to withdraw

fully from the occupied areas.

In Jerusalem, Mr. Peres quickly denied Mr. Menem's remarks, although he confirmed that there had been a message to Mr. Assad. Asked if the message included mention of a full withdrawal, Mr. Peres replied: 'Absolutely not."

In Ottawa, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel also denied Mr. Menem's remarks.

Mr. Menem's office made public a transcript of his re-marks in Spanish which never showed the word "full" used in reference to an Israeli withdrawal. A presidential spokesman said there had been an error in the translation.



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Major Calls Bluff of a Band of Tory Euro-Skeptics'

New York Times Service LONDON - Playing a high-stakes game to try to whip his own back-bench critics into line, Prime Minister John Major said Thursday that his Conservative government would resign and call a new election if it failed to win a parliamentary vote Monday on payments to the European Union.

By John Darnton

The move was intended to overcome a rebellion by so-called Euro-skeptics within the party, those who are fighting to prevent Britain from merging more and more into Europe, as called for by the Treaty on European Union.

The rebels, who have bedeviled Mr. Major for two years now, have seized upon what had looked like a perfunctory vote on Britain's contribution to the EU budget and turned it into a crisis for the

The government has countered by turning the vote into a showdown, Earlier this week, Mr. Major said the issue was one of confidence in his government. After consulting with his cabinet, his office released a statement Thursday tended to head off suggestions that if votes. That means that a dozen or so saying they would rise or fall together — Mr. Major were defeated Monday, he must defect from the two parties, or a proposition labeled by the press as a could simply be replaced as party leader more if some of those defectors simply suicide pact."

"If the government were defeated, the government would resign and the prime minister would ask the queen to dissolve Parliament," the statement said.

The threat to call an election is a powerful one because the Tories, in power for 15 years, would undoubtedly lose if one were held now. The latest poll, published Thursday in The Times of London, shows that a modest recovery for the Conservatives in the autumn has been reversed. The party is now supported by only 24 percent of the 1,833 adults sampled by MORI, Brit-ain's leading polling company. The op-position Labor Party has a 31-point ad-

In effect, Mr. Major is threatening the Conservative backbenchers that, like Sampson, he can bring the temple smashing down on all their heads. The fact that the cabinet was said to be usually count on the support of the UI- end of the decade from £2.5 billion aunanimously behind the move was inster Unionist Party, which has nine year currently.

and prime minister, avoiding a general abstain.

Reuters quoted a senior government official as scotching speculation that some right-wing cabinet members were holding out from offering full support to him. There is no question of the prime

Despite the flurry of excitement at Westminster, few people were willing to predict Thursday that the government would actually fall.

A spokesman for the prime minister predicted Wednesday that the govern-ment's bill would go through and added

what the fuss was about."

Mr. Major has a slender majority of 14 in the 651-member House of Commons. On votes such as this one, he can

Still, a leading Euro-skeptic, William Cash, insisted that he was going to pro-pose an amendment that would hold up the budget contribution until the Commons' Public Accounts Committee was him. "There is no question of the prime minister resigning and an alternative prime minister being found," the official had about 15 votes from fellow Conservatives to back it.

But Mr. Cash seemed to be opening ground for retreat by saying that he was mainly interested in pressing a cam-

paign for accountability.

"Look, you know and I know that I have to take each stage in urn," he said. "I'm saying that the battle is necessary. that in two weeks "everyone will wonder But of course I don't want the government to fall and I've made that clear."

New Treasury figures indicate that Britain's net contribution will rise to £3.55 billion (\$5.57 billion) a year by the

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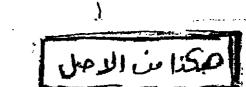
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# A Mexican Civil War U.S. to End Among Politicians

Salinas Is Using Murder Case Salvadoran To Counter Foes of Reforms Refugees

By Tod Robberson

Washington Past Service
MEXICO CITY — President
Carlos Salinas de Gortari ap-Massieu assassination. speech and report Wednesday pears to have declared war on on a two-month investigation into his brother's killing, the hard-line adversaries within his own party, using the Sept. 28 assassination of a senior party own party, using the Sept. 28 deputy attorney general repeat-eassassination of a senior party edly cited the support he had from Mr. Salinas as he leveled foes who impeded his reform accusations at some of the most powerful political figures in the country.

Mr. Salinas had unleashed his deputy attorney general,

ing in h

#### **NEWS ANALYSIS**

Mario Ruiz Massieu, who resigned Wednesday, to investigate allegations of corruption, conspiracy and a possible cover-up in the assassination of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party's secretary-gener-Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the deputy attorney general's brother.

During his six-year presiden-tial term, which ends in less than a week, with the inauguration Dec. 1 of Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, Mr. Salinas has engaged in an almost daily battle against arch-conservatives within his party.

The conservatives have typi-cally viewed Mr. Salinas's wideranging program of political and economic reforms as a direct threat to the party's 65year, unbroken control of the sorship or indirect government

federal bureaucracy. Many of the conservatives have amassed huge personal presidency. fortunes using the Institutional In Mr. R Revolutionary Party's nationwide control over unions and ried verbatim on television, rastate-owned enterprises to ex- dio and in newspapers, but he tract bribes and other forms of political tribute.

One foreign analyst said the current turbulence on Mexico's political scene was to be expect- day in the Mexico City daily La ed given the current tensions Jornada, the public attacks by caused by Mr. Salinas's reforms. Should Mr. Zedillo continue at the same pace, the anatween Mr. Salinas and anti-relyst said, "I think we can expect form conservatives in his party.

By Anna Kisselgoff

lew York Times Service

kins, 85, a major figure in

American modern dance whose

flowing dance idiom and har-

human body and nature rather

than the tensions of contempo-

rary life, died of prostate cancer

Mr. Hawkins's credo was "Tight muscles don't feel." Un-

ul a decade ago, his own danc-

ing exemplified his ideal. Physi-

cally fit, with striking, craggy features, he soared with seem-

ingly no effort into the melting

leaps that were his trademark.

ers courted injury through what

he perceived as the artificiality

of ballet technique and the per-

cussiveness of earlier modern

dance idioms, Mr. Hawkins ar-

rived at a system of "self-sens-

Typical Hawkins dances, in-

cluding "Plains Daybreak,"

generally considered a master-

piece, were free of negative expression. A student of Zen, Mr.

Hawkins declared that an artist

should be a priest who brings

the audience to enlightenment.

ing" in training dancers.

Firm in his belief that danc-

here Wednesday.

NEW YORK - Erick Haw-

# Asylum for more surprises" like the Ruiz

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By Roberto Suro

In a combination resignation Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is preparing to end a program that offered temporary refugee status to tens of thousands of Salvadorans who fled their homeland during the civil war, obliging them either to return home or face a state of legal He charged that Attorney General Humberto Benitez

Although a final decision will Trevino; the party's president, Ignacio Pichardo Pegaza, and not be announced until early December, administration offithe new party secretary-general, Maria de los Angeles Moreno, cials said it appeared to them politically impossible to extend the program, given popular demand for a tougher line on immigration issues.

In addition, some officials said they favored the move as a sassinated for political purposes but with financing and way of demonstrating that the government was capable of terminating temporary refugee One question observers have programs that often seem to bebeen asking ever since a feud come permanent over time. broke out Nov. 14 between Mr. They cited special provisions for Jews from the former Soviet ing party leadership was how Union and for Vietnamese the deputy attorney general had virtually unrestricted access to "boat people" as other examples of programs that were dethe media to make his accusasigned to be temporary but retions without any intervention mained intact.

About 200,000 Salvadorans Mexican news organizations, were first granted "Temporary Protected Status" in 1990 under particularly television newscasters, typically submit to cenlegislation that allowed them to remain in the United States and control as a means of maintainwork legally, but did not ading financial support from the vance them toward permanent residency as immigrants. In one In Mr. Ruiz Massieu's case, form or another, the program his remarks not only were carwas extended twice by the Bush administration and once more by President Bill Clinton.

also was offered logistical and When the latest order expires financial support by the presion Dec. 31, the Salvadorans will dency for his investigation. no longer need protection in the According to a report Satur-United States, administration officials say, because the political situation in their country has stabilized since a truce in 1992 ended the I0-year civil

That view has also been pressed by some powerful Republicans. Senator Alan K. Simpson of Wyoming, who is to become chairman of a Senate **Erick Hawkins Dies,** immigration subcommittee, has complained about temporary refugee programs that seem to

become permanent.
"In El Salvador, they came here because five factions were going in and chopping each other to pieces," Mr. Simpson said in a speech in May on the Senate floor. "And now that is all over. You have democratic elections. Have one of them gone back? Not one."

A half million or more Salvadorans entered the United States, most of them illegally, in the face of widespread human rights abuses by the Salvadoran Army, which was trained and equipped by the United States, and by leftist insurgents. The vast majority were denied political asylum at the time. Subsequent lawsuits revealed that the proceedings had been biased

There are no hard estimates of the number of Salvadorans who remain in the United States under temporary status, but they represent a last legacy of the bitterly disputed era of ■ UN Vote on El Salvador

lege in Vermont had provided a residency for Ballet Caravan, and it was there that Mr. Hawkins met Martha Graham. He remained with Ballet Caravan until 1938, when Miss Graham invited him to appear as a guest in her major production,

cumbed to the strains of competing artistic egos. Mr. Haw-kins left the Graham company in 1951 to work independently, and they were divorced in 1954. formed the Erick Hawkins Dance Company, an outgrowth of a group with which he

Medal of Arts from President Bill Clinton at the White House



NEW ENTRY — The 68th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade got under way Thursday in New York with the debut of Barney, the purple television character.

#### Dole Extracts Promise From Helms To Mind His Senatorial Manners

By Helen Dewar Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Bob

Dole, the incoming Senate ma-jority leader, says Senator Jesse Helms has assured him that he will avoid the kind of provocative comments that created an uproar when Mr. Helms said President Bill Clinton "better have a bodyguard" if he visits military bases in North Caroli-

Kansas, said in a broadcast interview that he had told Mr. Helms, the North Carolina Republican who is set to take over the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in January, that "we just hoped it wouldn't happen and that Mr. Helms

'In essence, I think we agreed it wouldn't happen again," Mr. Dole said.

Mr. Dole also said Mr. manship, which he is in line to Helms expressed regret for hav- assume under the Senate's seing made the comment, which goes beyond Mr. Helms's statement on Tuesday that he had made "a mistake" in a making the comment to a North Carolina newspaper reporter.

Mr. Dole said Mr. Helms told him in a telephone conversation earlier Wednesday that he made the remark in jest and that the reporter had said he Mr. Dole. Republican of had interpreted the comment

that you're the chairman, or will be the chairman, even things you say, sometimes jokingly or in jest, are taken seriously," Mr.

In a subsequent interview, Mr. Dole rejected suggestions that he lead an effort to deny Mr. Helms the committee chair-

niority rules.

"I couldn't do that if I wanted to; I don't want to," Mr. Dole responded. "My view is that it is over. It probably shouldn't have been said, even in jest, and I hope it's not said

Mr. Dole's comments followed calls for an apology from Mr. Helms from several Democratic senators and at least one Republican, Senator Hank Brown of Colorado, a member of the foreign relations panel.

Another Republican committee member, Larry Pressler of South Dakota, said: "As a former lieutenant in the army, I very much disagree with his remarks. It's unwise for senators to suggest things like that."

#### \* POLITICAL NOTES\*

#### **Whitewater Counsel Readies Indictments**

WASHINGTON — The special counsel in the Whitewater investigation, Kenneth W. Starr, is expected to seek indictments soon against a number of key figures in the financial scandal linked to President Bill Clinton's Ozark real estate investment, according to sources close to the inquiry.

Mr. Starr is said to be preparing wide-ranging indictments from a special grand jury in Little Rock, Arkansas, against some well-known political figures in the state, including Governor Jim Guy Tucker and Webster L. Hubbell, a former U.S. associate attorney general who was once a partner with Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Rose Law Firm in Little

Also virtually certain to be named, according to these James McDougal; Mr. McDougal's former wife, Susan, and a number of lesser-known employees of the savings and loan that Mr. McDougal once owned. Madison Guaranty.

Coming on the heels of a Republican election sweep, the indictments would add to Mr. Clinton's political woes by refocusing attention on allegations that he benefited from Mr. McDougal's efforts to finance their joint real estate venture in the Ozarks with cash from the savings and loan. At the White House, an administration spokesman said he was unaware of any impending indictments.

#### Senator Warns on Packing Civil Service

WASHINGTON - Senator William V. Roth Jr., Republican of Delaware, has warned the Clinton administration against abusing the law that allows legislative aides to get jobs in the career civil service and asked the General Accounting Office to monitor federal personnel practices during Capitol Hill's transition from Democratic to Republican

Mr. Roth expressed concern "about potential personnel abuses" during a time when the government is trying to eliminate 272,900 civil-service jobs. Mr. Roth is in line to be the next chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which oversees federal personnel and management

More than 2,000 Democratic staff members will lose congressional jobs in January when Republicans take control and reorganize committees and offices. Under the 1940 Ramspeck Act, congressional staff members who lose their jobs involuntarily can bypass the traditional civil-service hiring procedures and obtain speedy appointments to career

jobs in federal agencies. "While I do believe the Ramspeck Act has a legitimate purpose, the federal government should not be able in this era of downsizing to accommodate a large influx of displaced Capitol Hill staffers regardless of their qualifications," Mr.

Last week, White House officials, responding to similar concerns raised by House Republicans, dismissed as "nonsense" any suggestion the administration would try to pack the civil service with Democrats.

#### Republicans Control California Assembly

SACRAMENTO, California — With fewer than 23,000 absentee ballots to be tallied. Republicans have emerged as winners of 41 California Assembly seats, spelling the end of a 25-year reign of Democrats in the lower house, election officials reported.

The late absentee count showed, however, that Democrats did manage to retain an edge in the California congressional delegation by a 27-25 seat margin, as Representative Jane Harman of Rolling Hills, a Democrat, eked out a victory by fewer than 800 votes over her Republican challenger. Susan Brooks. A spokesman for the state secretary of state said no results from the Nov. 8 election would change, although some ballots continued to be counted in some counties.

"It's done as far as we're concerned." the spokesman said. More than 8.8 million people cast votes statewide in the Nov. 8 election. Turnout was 60.1 percent, the highest there for a nonpresidential election since 1982.

#### Quote/Unquote

Paul Begala, a Clinton aide, on reports that some Democrats do not want Mr. Clinton to head the ticket in 1996: "They're just flat out wrong. This party's got a whole lot of problems, but our president is our greatest strength." (WP)

#### **Away From Politics**

• Alarmed by a rask of traffic accidents in New York involving police cars, Police Commissioner William J. Bratton said he would require police officers to wear seat belts beginning Jan. 1. "I see the use of the seat belt as every bit as important as the use of the bulletproof vest," Mr. Bratton said. "I lose a hell of a lot more cops in injuries to

use seat belts than I do in shooting incidents."

tor was arraigned in Portland, Oregon, on charges she set a series of arson fires at abortion clinics across the West. Shelley Shannon of Grants Pass pleaded not guilty. She is accused of setting fires at eight abortion U.S. involvement in Central auto accidents and failure to clinics in Oregon, Idaho, Neva-

da and northern California in 1992 and 1993. A man who admitted killing Eva Shoen, heiress to the U-

Haul business empire, during a bungled burglary was sentenced in Montrose, Colorado, to 24 years in prison. Frank Marquis had said the August 1990 killing was accidental.

• Three people were arrested in a fight over rights to the land where the Branch Davidian compound once stood near Waco, Texas. A woman was the property. Two of the men. who were armed, also were until something is settled about

• An army depot in California shipped plutonium by air via

the property rights," he said.

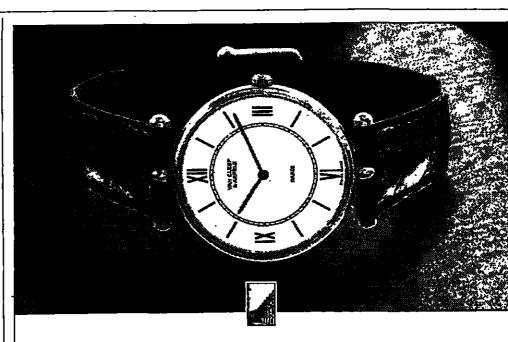
jailed on weapons charges after Federal Express in violation of she fired a gun into the air as federal rules, the Energy De-three men confronted her on partment says. Less than a pound of the highly radioactive element used in nuclear weapiailed on weapons charges. The ons arrived Nov. 7 at the Los McLennan County sheriff, Jack Alamos (New Mexico) Nation-Harwell, said the shooting was al Laboratory for disposal, the one of several recent disputes at department said in a report. the 77-acre (30-hectare) site. The army confirmed that it had This will be an ongoing thing erroneously shipped the plutonium by air Nov. 4, "because of a human error in marking the

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Other acclaimed works included "Eight Clear Places."
"Black Lake," "Lords of Geography of Noon" and "New Moon." Much of his repertory had highly original and vibrant scores by his wife, Lucia Dlugoszewski, a composer who col-laborated with him from 1952.

Many of his dances had a sensibility derived from Asian theater or American Indian rituals. He also drew from Greek myth or American folklore and created many plotless works.

Erick Hawkins, whose full name was Frederick Hawkins, was born in Trinidad, Colora-

do, on April 23, 1909. He decided to become a dancer after seeing a New York concert in the 1920s by Harald Kreutzberg and Yvonne Georgi, the German modern

dancers. He was then a student at Harvard College.

U.S. Dance Pioneer

When Chanler Post, one of his professors at Harvard, criticized the borrowing of architectural styles from Europe and the past, Mr. Hawkins found a monious works celebrated the concept that he applied later to his cardinal belief that American dance should come out of

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Mr. Ruiz Massieu also con-

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from Mr. Salinas.

the American experience. He moved to New York in 1934 and went to the School of American Ballet, founded that year by George Balanchine and Lincoln Kirstein. He danced from 1935 to 1937 in the American Ballet, the first Balanchine-Kirstein company.

After the collapse of that company, Mr. Kirstein started another, Ballet Caravan, which emphasized American themes. It was for that troupe that Mr. Hawkins choreographed his first ballet in 1937: "Show Piece." with a commissioned score by Robert McBride.

The Bennington School of the Dance at Bennington Col-American Document."

Mr. Hawkins became the Graham company's first male dancer, joining officially in 1939. The personal relationship that he and Miss Graham developed was well known in the dance world, although they were married only in 1948.

The marriage eventually suc-In 1957, Mr. Hawkins worked since 1951.

Mr. Hawkins received the on Oct. 14.

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The Security Council voted

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Associated Press reported Thursday from the United Na-

El Salvador has moved far

enough down the road to peace

and reconciliation to continue

without the presence of a Unit-

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sion," the U.S. delegate, Made

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# Tapie Empire Awaits A Key Ruling by **Commercial Court**

PARIS - Bernard Tapie, the flamboyant French businessman and maverick politician. who was defeated in a courtroom bid this week to keep his bankers off his back, faces a crucial court ruling on Friday.

A commercial court will rule on the financial health of what remains of his industrial empire, which Crédit Lyonnais says owes it more than 1.2 billion francs (\$225 million).

If the court rules that the holding company for Mr. Tapie's personal wealth and the management company Alain Colas Tahiti are in "cessation of payments," then it could order them to be placed in receiver-

In that case, Mr. Tapie would be technically bankrupt. That would bar him from sitting as a member of the French and European parliaments and dash his ambitions to run for mayor of Marseille next year.

Mr. Tapie suffered another setback on Thursday when a court ordered payment of 66.7 million francs in taxes and fines because he had fraudulently registered his luxury four-masted yacht, the Phocéa, as a commercial vessel.

Mr. Tapie immediately ap-pealed against the ruling, which applied to himself, the yacht's appeals court gives its ruling.

management company, Alain Colas Tahiti, and two of its for-

But despite that and Wednesday's rejection of his plea that the French bank Crédit Lyon-nais had illegally torn up a fiveyear debt repayment deal, Mr. Tapie remained characteristi-

cally upbeat. In an interview with the daily Liberation, Mr. Tapie insisted that a plan by the state-owned bank to auction his 17th-century Paris mansion would not go

"The sale of the mansion will not take place," he said. "That's not a prediction, it's a certain-

Mr. Tapie, whose center-left Radical Party won 12 percent of the French vote in the European Parliament elections in June, hinted this week that he might run for president next

Not unaccustomed to complex legal wrangling, Mr. Tapie is fighting back with a host of countersuits and appeals, virtuensuring a lengthy delay ore any conclusion.

He will appeal against the ruling on the debt repayment deal, thus suspending an order for him to pay Credit Lyonnais some 338 million francs until an

#### **BOSNIA:** Serbs Tightening Siege

Continued from Page 1

Bosnia, Lieutenant General Michael Rose, and the British and French governments are wor-ried by the American proposal and UN officials here are scrambling to try to secure a cease-fire that would avert the need for more NATO action.

General Rose went to Pale on Thursday for talks with Bosnian Serbian leaders, despite the fact that Bosnian Serbian forces are in effect holding more than 200 UN peacekeepers hostage in retaliation for NATO bombing this week of an air base in Serbian-held Croatia and Bosnian Serbian surface-to-air mis-

sile systems northeast of Bihac. The talks were aimed at exploring Bosnian Serbian proposals for a demilitarization of ance of power was shifted in the Bihac pocket and a cease- eastern Bosnia.

fire there, UN officials said. They declined to give further

The possibilities of a ceasefire in Bihac seemed remote.
Although UN officials said Mr. Silaidzic initially expressed interest in the idea Thursday during a meeting with General Rose, the Bosnian prime minister later dismissed the Bosnian Serbian offer as a camouflage.

"This was obviously an instrument to try to calm down the situation internationally so that the Serbs could advance more,™ Mr. Silajdzic said.

For the Bosnian government, the dilemma of a cease-fire and demilitarization is that it would shift the balance of power in western Bosnia, just as the bal-

#### SPEAKER: Gingrich's Family Values' Belie Reality of His Own Life

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reer. He practically boasts of having grown up as an army brat, a rootless existence that started near Harrisburg and included stints in France, Germany and Fort Benning, Georgia. Today he counts two generals — Dwight D. Eisenhower and George Marshall among his top three heroes (Franklin D. Roosevelt is the

He often points to a visit in 1958, when he was 15, with his adoptive father to Verdun, the World War I battlefield, and its warehouse collection of bones, as the seminal moment in his political coming of age. "It is the driving force

which pushed me into history and politics, and molded my life," he wrote in his 1984 political manifesto, "Window of Opportunity."

The next day, he supposed-ly told his family he would run for Congress because politi-cians could prevent such mad-

The sense that he might save civilization seems to drive him still. "People like me," he said last year, "are what stand between us and Auschwitz."

Despite his interest in the military, Mr. Gingrich opted out of the service himself, taking student and marriage deferments during the Vietnam War. Although he opposed the war, he was not vocal about it.

But he was something of a liberal. As a graduate student in history at Tulane University, he led a protest against the school administration for trying to censor pictures of nudes from the student newspaper. He also helped to coordinate Nelson A. Rockefeller's 1968 presidential campaign in Lou-

As a young history teacher with a Ph.D at West Georgia College in Carrollton, Georgia, he started a program in environmental studies and taught a course about the fu-

But after he lost two races for the House, in 1974 and 1976, he determined that he could get elected only by moving further right, Many who knew him in that period attribute his adoption of a conservative agenda and his exploi-tation of "family values" to his political ambition, not to a belief, at least at that time, in

core conservative values. When I first knew him in



As House speaker, Mr. Gingrich will be next in line of succession for the presidency after the vice president.

the '70s, when I was on the Atlanta Constitution's liberal editorial board, and we were looking for a liberal to get behind, we chose to endorse Newt Gingrich because we thought he was progressive and thought he was, to use the terrible L word, liberal," said Bill Shipp, who now writes a newsletter on Georgia poli-

"Why did he switch?" Mr. Shipp said. "Public opinion polls, what do you think? Liberal went out, conservative came in.

Richard Dangle, who was dean of arts and sciences at West Georgia when Mr. Ging-rich taught there, said that as a "middle-of-the-road Democrat" he had supported Mr. Gingrich because he was "bright, young, reasonable and rational." Then, Mr. Gingrich moved to the right.
"He said he had grown," Mr.
Dangle said. "I think his motivation was ambition and the

need for power."
When Mr. Gingrich finally won an open congressional seat in 1978, he ran a brutal campaign against his Democratic opponent, state Senator Virginia Shepard, who he said did not have "family values." If elected, Mrs. Shepard intended to commute between Washington and Georgia and

leave her children in the care of a nanny. Mr. Gingrich ran a television commercial accusing her of breaking up her

Mr. Gingrich won, but it was his family that broke up. His divorce from his first of the Gingrich lore and has and \$1,000 in alimony. been routinely resurrected by In an 1984 article in Mother political opponents.

Jackie Gingrich followed back in Georgia, worked dog- what he said in public. had filed for divorce.

tion, Mr. Gingrich went to the hospital. Since they had already separated, he called Jackie's room to see if he according to friends who knew them both he began

declined to be interviewed for this article. A few weeks before Mr. Gingrich filed for divorce, he called his political aide and friend Kip Carter to talk about his marriage. Mr. Carter said he and other friends had been worried that the

marriage was falling apart. Mr. Gingrich told him why he wanted a divorce. "He said: 'She's not young enough or pretty enough to be the wife of a president. And besides, she has cancer. It sounds harsh and hokey," Mr. Carter said, "but anyone who knows him knows it's perfectly consistent with the kinds of things he says."

Mr. Gingrich has adamantly denied saying any such thing. His supporters dismiss Mr. Carter as a disgruntled former aide who was miffed at not having been asked to ac-company Mr. Gingrich when he moved to Washington.

Mr. Gingrich was supposed to pay \$150 a month for each of his daughters and \$400 in alimony to his former wife. But a few months later, Jackie Gingrich filed court papers saying that he had not provid-ed reasonable support for her living expenses and that some of her accounts were "two or three months past due." Some of her friends took up a collection on her behalf. The court raised the child support to wife, Jackie, has become part \$200 a month per daughter

Jones magazine, Mr. Gingrich was asked whether his private her husband to Tulane and, life had been consistent with

gedly on his campaigns. After "No," Mr. Gingrich was his election in 1978, they quoted as saying. "In fact I moved to Washington, but think they were sufficiently separated shortly thereafter. inconsistent that at one point By the end of his first term, he in 1979 and 1980, I began to quit saying them in public. His wife, who had started One of the reasons I ended up treatments for uterine cancer getting a divorce was that if I in 1978, underwent surgery in was disintegrating enough as a 1980. A day after the opera-person that I could not say those things, then I needed to get my life straight, not quit saying them.

"And I think that literally could come up. Once there, was the crisis I came to. I guess I look back on it a little bit like somebody who's in Altalking about the terms of the coholics Anonymous. It was a divorce. She has said that she very, very bad period of my threw him out of the room. In life, and it had been getting a few months they were di- steadily worse. I ultimately vorced, and in 1981 he mar- wound up at a point where ried his current wife, Mari- probably suicide or going inanne. Jackie Gingrich, who sane or divorce were the last still teaches high school math, three options."

# Kazakh Uranium Had Few Safeguards, U.S. Experts Found

By R. Jeffrey Smith
Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — When

27 U.S. nuclear technicians landed six weeks ago in Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan, they saw that a large cache of bomb-grade uranium there had been stored without any of the high-tech safeguards commonplace at American facilities, according to U.S. officials.

A long warehouse containing enough uranium to be used in 20 to 25 nuclear weapons was situated in the middle of a sprawling nuclear and metallurgical factory employing more than 14,000 people. But no chemical assays or radiation sensors were used to account for or safeguard the material. Instead, its presence or absence was simply noted by hand in record books.

The whole system was run by paper," said Alex Riedy, a nuclear engineer with Martin Marietta Energy Systems, a contractor to the Department of Energy. Mr. Riedy helped direct a successful U.S. effort to repackage the uranium over the last six weeks so it could be shipped out of Kazakhstan to thwart its potential theft by nuclear terrorists or other nations.

Secretary of Defense William Perry on Wednesday hailed the secret operation as "a success story in counterproliferation." A total of 600 kilograms (1,320 pounds) of highly enriched uranium, originally produced in the Soviet Union, were shipped from Kazakhstan to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware in two C-5 military cargo planes last weekend and then shipped by truck to Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Ten-

Mr. Perry said at a press conference that the United States had "put this bomb-grade nu-

clear material forever out of the reach of potential black-marketeers, terrorists, or new nuclear

regimes."
He and other officials did not say which nations Washington had feared would obtain the material. But a senior defense official said the suspect countries were situated near Kazakhstan and that "there are people really shopping for this kind of material."

To help repackage the nuclear material into 1,400 shipping containers the size of oil cans Mr. Riedy said he and his colleagues had to set up their own chemical assay laboratory in a large, unheated room at the Ulba Metallurgical Plant.

They also had to bring in their own electrical power supply, satellite communications maintenance depot, and an ample supply of equipment suited to cold-weather operations at the snowy, windswept site near Ust-Kamenogorsk. But Kazakh officials "bent over backwards to help us," Mr. Riedy said.

Officials involved in the operation said it went more smoothly inside Kazakhstan than it did outside the country.

They said, for example, that the Pentagon had difficulty winning overflight rights from various countries for the C-5s, which had been declared to be carrying hazardous cargoes. Tennessee authorities also initially opposed the idea of storing it at Oak Ridge, and Secretary of Energy Hazel R O'Leary sought Wednesday to ease public concern in Tennessee by pointing out that the material is not nuclear waste, but "nonirradiated material."

Mrs. O'Leary said the shipment amounted to only a fraction of the uranium Oak Ridge now has or is capable of storing

#### **DEAL:** Gridlock Not a Certainty

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tion, then by that of George Bush and only in the final stages by Clinton aides.

Nor did the administration have to contend, in this instance, with the often disruptive tactics of Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia, who is expected to take over as speaker of the House in January. Mr. Gingrich has long been com-mitted to the GATT agreement and has not wavered a bit in the two weeks since the elections.

But that does not mean that things could not have gone awry. Many of Mr. Gingrich's populist supporters, including many of the white workingclass and lower-middle-class men who constituted such a large element of the electoral swing to the Republicans, bitterly oppose the pact because they think it will cost their jobs.

Patrick J. Buchanan, a Republican interested in mining that vein of fear and resentment, has broadcast commercials condemning GATT.

Whatever pressure Mr. Gingrich may have felt from Mr. Buchanan's direction, or from House anti-GATT conservatives, he has stoutly resisted.

Much the same story could be told of Mr. Dole, who is to become the leader of the Republican majority in the Senate. A possible candidate for president in 1996, he had to weigh not only his party's tactical situation but also his own, in addition to the merits of the case.

Some of his potential rivals nv separately reneged on debts for the Republican presidential nomination oppose the new GATT agreement, which makes it uncomfortable for Mr. Dole to be for it. The elections signaled a shift to the right in the Republican Party, away from Mr. Dole, whom the conservatives once dubbed "the tax collector for the welfare state" be-

cause of his opposition to

His situation was made no easier when Mr. Helms asked the president to delay action on the pact until the new Congress convenes in January.

So Mr. Dole decided, according to a friend who discussed the matter with him, that he needed to achieve at least some modification of the accord. He seized on the enforcement powers granted to the new World Trade Organization, which conservatives have attacked as a threat to U.S. sovereignty.

By persuading Mr. Clinton to set up a mechanism for U.S. withdrawal if the new trade organization finds repeatedly against the United States, he tipped his hat to his party's right wing while maintaining the commitment to free trade.

At the same time, he backed away from his bid to force the White House to back a cut in the capital gains tax in return

for his support for GATT.

Mr. Clinton rejected any such link, as Mr. Dole must have known he would. But the point had nonetheless been made: Bob Dole cares about tax cuts as much as anyone.

Had he insisted on so transparently political a deal, covering two measures with very lit-tle intrinsic relationship to each other, Mr. Dole would have been flouting the very message that the voters delivered most clamorously on Nov. 8.

They said that vintage Washington politics as usual was not good enough anymore.

Such calculations will be made hundreds of times in the months ahead. But already many of the Republicans in Congress seem to have recognized, far quicker than most had expected, one of the con-straints of the new reality: They share the power now, but also the responsibility.

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huge stakes in projects in China, both personally and through his conglomerates Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd. and Hutchison Whampoa Ltd., is voicing his concern.

Mr. Li's rags-to-riches story shows he is not averse to risktaking, but China's increasingly complex taxation system, red tape and frequent policy changes have prompted him to call upon Beijing to set up an independent business arbitration system to settle disputes between foreign investors and between foreign investors and Chinese authorities.

Unclear lines of authority in China's sprawling state indus-trial sector and a maddeningly opaque relationship between Beijing, provincial governments and the executives running in-dividual businesses have confounded many foreign busi-nesses hurrying to strike deals in a fast-opening China.
At the same time, a vacuum

of corporate discipline after the retreat of the state from handson management and the relative immaturity of China's own commercial legal system has fostered what some observers describe as a cavalier approach to contract law.

"It's an exaggeration to say, as some do, that the negotiating only begins after you've signed the contract in China," said Edward Epstein, a university lecturer in Chinese law and a law-

in Hong Kong. "The phenomenon is not

uniquely Chinese, but perhaps it happens more there now because they don't have the Western legal culture that makes people see the benefits of abid-ing by contract," Mr. Epstein said. "Nor do they have the same kind of infrastructure for enforcing agreements."

China's huge need for international capital and its decision to open more of its economy to the foreign investment has attracted swarms of bullish ould-be dealmakers. But recent difficulties in managing its fast-growing

economy and well-warranted caution in meeting foreign in-vestors on clear and equal terms have slowed the rush in such key areas as project financing and bond issuance for infrastructure projects. Lehman Brothers alleges that China International United Pe-troleum & Chemicals Company, or Unipec, and Minmetals International Non-Ferrous

Metals Trading Export Compaincurred in foreign exchange transactions. "Regardless of the settlement of this case, it's a very good reminder for everyone that China is no different than anyplace

else," Peter Geldart, head of Salomon Brothers Asia-Pacific

power financing group, said.

### ITALY: Berlusconi's War With Foes, and Allies, Gives New Depth to Crisis

are on the verge of a major political clash in the country." And, most of all, the conflict that has emerged since the elec-tions last March transformed Mr. Berlusconi from a billionaire businessman into a politi-cal leader is not the old and often cozy arrangement between left and right. It is a remarkable, open and unique in-stitutional war between the country's magistrates and Mr. Berlusconi.

"I have never corrupted any-body," Mr. Berlusconi, the Italian flag at his shoulder, said during a television address, in which he rejected pressure to resign over the investigation. At the most obvious level, the

issue that has sparked Italy's latest crisis is this: Did Mr. Ber-lusconi, as head of his \$7-billion-a-year Fininvest business empire, participate in the bribery of the country's finance policemen to assure favorable audits - an accusation he denies -or, was his vast business empire a victim of extortion by

day that Mr. Berlusconi alleg-edly put pressure on board members of the state television group RAI in a bid to reach an advertising agreement with his Fininvest television group, which owns three nationwide television stations.

But the nub, for many Italians, relates far more to the en-tire character of the nation's future: Will Italy make its much-vaunted symbolic passage from a corrupt First Republic to a new Second Republic in the purging, probably destructive, revolutionary fires of the inves-tigators' inquiries? Or will it draw some kind of line in the sand, declare that enough is enough, and allow the land, and Mr. Berlusconi, to go forward with its familiar aura of un-solved mystery and incomplete disclosure?

The imbroglio has been evolving ever since Mr. Berlusconi took office with two time bombs ticking beneath him: his refusal, until Wednesday, to

terest, and the fact that he accumulated his riches in the same corrupt era as the thousands of other businessmen and politicians who have since been implicated in Italy's huge scan-

But the crisis has widened as Mr. Berlusconi and his supporters have cast the magistrates' inquiries into his doings as a political vendetta conducted against the state itself. When he was playing host to a major United Nations conference in Naples — Mr. Berlusconi's broadcast portrayed the magisoffice he occupies rather than on himself personally.

"There is an imbalance of power in Italy, and we have to re-establish the equilibrium," said Justice Minister Alfredo Biondi in an interview.

damental to a democratic state, ways delicate moments," he and the magistrates are not en- said. "And so we decided."

corrupt tax officers, as he says it was?

shed his ownership of his business empire, which gave rise to government," Mr. Biondi said.

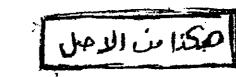
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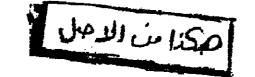
investigators are up to. Twice, when Mr. Berlusconi has appeared before interna-tional audiences — at G-7 economic summit talks with President Bill Clinton and others in July, and at the UN conference on organized crime this week the investigators have chosen those specific moments to move

The magistrates, though, inwas told he was under investigation — on the same day he
rather tricky job.

"We could have waited until the budget was approved," said Gerardo D'Ambrosio, the dep-uty head of the Milan team. trates' move as an assault on the discussing the timing of the investigation of Mr. Berluscor We thought about the Naples summit. Yes, waiting for a less delicate moment could have

been an idea." "But then we said to ourselves, Look, prime ministers "Separation of powers is fun- are always busy, there are al-





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from political palaver grown heavy with talk of budgets and taxes and coalition intrigue.

Peter Harry Carstensen, a member of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's conservative Christian Democrats, observed, "If Communists are allowed to sit in our Parliament, why not a young woman whose curves gave peoconservative parliamentarian ple joy?"

It is not clear how those who once starred in a soft-porn curves were suddenly discovered by Bild. But Miss Wöhrl, Dagmar Wöhrl, elected last now 40 and a successful lawyer month from Nuremberg to a married to a department store seat in the Bundestag, appeared on Page I wearing nothing but a magnate, declined to invoke the usual defense of youthful indisbridal veil and rumpled white stockings, her costume in that immortal 1973 film, "When cretion.

"I regret nothing. I'm proud of myself," she told Bild. "I was Chastity Belts Rattle in the just an ordinary schoolgirl at Night."
Will the naked photo bring the time. Those who remember such German films know they her down?" asked Bild's headwere just silly erotic films you can only laugh about now. Evidently not, as Miss Wöhrl's fellow conservatives

Miss Wöhrl explained, with out elaborating, that her one and only celluloid experience came about when her boyfriend took her on a tour of the film studio.

Was she paid for her trouble? "I just can't remember any-

more," she replied.
Four years later, Miss Wöhrl won the Miss Germany title, aking a tough new stance using the prize money to help against Asian refugees, deportfinance her law studies. Last ed 13 Vietnamese on Thursday month, she surprised political who arrived undetected at a pundits by winning a Bundessuburban boat ramp two days tag seat with 44 percent of the vote in Nuremberg as a candidate of the arch-conservative Christian Social Union.

At the very least, the revelations about Miss Wohrl provide Bonn with some titillating relief

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> Colorful characters are in short supply in Germany's starchy political establishment. Unorthodox backgrounds here usually are the province of the Party of Democratic Socialism, the resurgent former Com-

and a great-grandson of former Chancellor Otto von Bismarck. "It's funny that this hap-pened to the Christian Social-ists," said Michael Müller, a Bonn Social Democrat.

munists whose new legislative caucus boasts a lesbian activist

shows that even they are a totally normal party."

4 German Youths Go on Trial for Synagogue Arson'

SCHLESWIG, Germany -Four German youths went on trial Thursday accused of firebombing a synagogue in Libeck, the first such attack on a Jewish place of worship since the Nazi period.

About an hour into the trial the court was adjourned until Friday after defense lawyers said their clients would not

make any more statements. Court sources said the youths, from 20 to 25 years old. were charged with arson and five counts of attempted mur-

der in the March attack. The five people inside the synagogue at the time escaped unhurt, but the building was badly damaged.

#### Original Clock to Return To Greenwich Observatory

LONDON - The clock that gave the world Greenwich Mean Time and helped prove the Earth turned smoothly will go home to an observatory east of London after 275 years away, timekeepers said Thursday.

The Old Royal Observatory in Greenwich said the clock made by Thomas Tompion, known as the father of English clockmaking would be restored to its original setting in the Octagon Room.

In the late 17th century, the clock was used by England's first astronomer royal to determine that the Earth rotated at an even rate, a discovery that meant astronomical readings could be relied on for plotting maps and for navigation.

"The Tompion clock is an immensely important piece of British and international history, central to the development of timekeeping and navigation," said Lord Lewin, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich.

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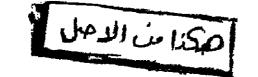
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JAKARTA — Twenty-nine protesters from East Timor ended a 12-day sit-in at the U.S. Embassy compound on Thursday and left Indonesia for exile in Portugal.

The 29 youths began occup-ing the embassy parking garage in Jakarta during a visit to In-donesia by President Bill Clinton and other leaders.

Officials overseeing their de-parture said they boarded a flight for Amsterdam and would transfer to a flight for

Their departure came as calm returned to East Timor's university in Dili after clashes earlier Thursday between students and security forces, witnesses

The security forces had barricaded hundreds of students and staff members inside the campus in the provincial capital. after East Timorese protesters showered the police with stones, witnesses said.

The confrontation was the latest in two weeks of violent protests, most of them triggered by increased tensions between the East Timorese and Indonesian forces. Timorese youths have been in the vanguard of the new protests in the former Portuguese colony against Indonesian rule, which is not recognized by the United Nations.

The battles Thursday were set off by the appearance of what students believed were plainclothes security officers on



A policeman carrying an injured woman to an ambulance after the Nagpur stampede.

#### **BOOKS**

#### ALL OUR YESTERDAYS By Robert B. Parker. 401 pages.

\$22.95. Delacorte Press.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

N a rare departure from the detective novel format, Robert B. Parker writes powerfully of three generations of Boston irishmen in "All Our Yester-days." whose title comes appropriately enough from Mac-beth's lament, "And all our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death."

On a dark and snowstormy in late March 1994. Unit Sheridan visits his sometime lover, Grace Winslow, to tell her what he has recently learned about their respective family histories, whose misfortunes have been thornily intertwined. As the narrative then flashes

back to relate: When Chris's grandfather, Conn Sheridan, was a young man in Ireland in 1920, he was wounded in fighting with England. Nursed back to health by a married American woman, Hadley Winslow, who became his lover, Conn fell so hard for her that he demanded she leave her husband and

Yet not only did Hadley refuse him, in her panic over his fervor she also betrayed him to the British, who arrested him and condemned him to hang for his terrorist crimes.

run away with him.

But Coan escaped to Ameriioined the Boston police force and, in his lingering bitterness over Hadley, got a woman pregnant and married her

He went about his police business impassively, drinking heavily and even accepting oc-

the club ace ruff another spade.

cashed, and when the queen did

run, saving one spade and three

ruffed a spade high, drew

trumps and played diamonds,

ruffing the third round. That left this ending:

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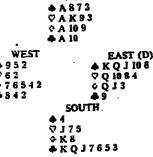
diamonds in the dummy.

#### **BRIDGE**

By Aian Truscott ORTH and South climbed to seven clubs in the face of a one-spade opening bid. The grand slam proved to be a good contract because the opening bid marked East with all the

missing high-card strength.

After winning the spade lead with dummy's ace, there were two ways to find a 13th trick. One was to ruff a spade, cross to



North and South were vulnerable P355 5 N.T. Pass Pass

West led the spade two.

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VAK9 WEST SOUTH Ø J 7 5 A trump was led and the

heart nine thrown from dummy, catching East in a trump eze. When he threw a heart, South played the top hearts, confident the queen would fall, and scored the last two tricks with a trump and the heart WHAT THEY'RE READING

• Archbishop Desmond ML Tutu, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is reading "The Hidden Face of Jesus" by Sister Margaret Magdalen. "This is a remarkable book.

using all the insights of psychology and religious experience as well as theology to describe the inner life of Jesus in an exercise of restrained speculative theol-(Ilise Gersten, IHT)



casional payoffs from crimi- beer." Parker's deft portraits of nals, until some two decades sexiess, guilt-ridden marriages later when he happened to in- would be unbearably depressvestigate the death of a young ing were it not for the swiftness girl who had been shot in the and wit of his plot's unfolding head and then sexually molest- and the dream of redemption

He quickly followed a trail to a Harvard dormitory room and riage to Peggy, Gus loves his discovered with deeply mixed brilliant son, Chris, above everyfeelings that the killer was thing. And despite having be-Thomas J. Winslow Jr., Hadley Winslow's 18-year-old son.

What follows is a complex reaching down through the gen-Then the A-K of heart would be erations of Conn's son and grandson, and up into the bed-rooms of Boston's social elite. not fall all the trumps would be

As in his Spenser novels. Parker's dialogue is blunt, and held the diamond jack, so South as usual, his descriptive prose is ruffed a spade high, drew elegantly spare. When Conn and Hadley meet in a hotel room to resume their lovemaking as part of their bargain to cover up Tommy's crime, Hadley removes her stone marten wrap and drapes it over the back of a chair.

"They stood, drink in hand, facing each other under the blank beady inspection of the stone martens' artificial gaze."

The lovelessness of Conn's marriage inevitably blights the life of his son, Gus, who in turn marries unhappily. As Gus contemplates his dull-witted, inebriated wife, Peggy, at a family outing, and reflects that his son, Chris, is dating a Winslow, he wonders about family fate.

"Sometimes it seemed to him that the Winslows and the Sheridans were dancing to the music of infinity, generation by generation, two-stepping blindly into hell. Peggy ordered her third bourbon. Chris had another

that Gus Sheridan holds onto.

For despite his empty marcome an even more corrupt cop than his father, Gus shapes his life around the typically Ameritale of guilt and corruption can belief that he can break the chain of hereditary fate.

"Just like my old man," he tells his mistress with deep self-loathing, "two generations of . . . bog-trotting Paddies. married to the wrong broad. Hired muscle, rattling doorknobs and busting heads, working for the Yankee dollar." Gus continues: "Going nowhere, worth nothing. Married to hysterical . . . cow. No. he's the one. My son. Break the chain. Be something decent.

Have some land. Dogs." So at the novel's gripping cli-max, Gus succeeds in an act of self-sacrifice that blows up several Boston power centers yet

somehow springs Chris free. Finally, Chris Sheridan's visit with Grace Winslow reveals its purpose. And despite the novel's dark cynicism, Parker's compellingly sure-handed nar-rative of blasted lives ends on a note of uplift that falls just short of being romantically sentimental yet not short enough to deny the reader the savor of a happy, hopeful ending.

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#### ARMY: Argentina Domesticates Its Armed Forces

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man-rights abuses, economic failure and humiliating defeat on the battlefield. The military has handpicked 13 of the 22 presidents since 1943. In the "dirty war," 10,000 people were killed. Corruption was rife during the military governments, which grossly mismanaged the economy and misappropriated public funds.

rashtra state ordered a judicial But the Falkland War reinquiry on Thursday into a stampede in the central city of Nagpur as the police and hospital sources raised estimates of the death toll to 130. inance over Argentine society.

Nagpur was paralyzed by a general strike called by opposition parties demanding that the state government take responsi-bility for Wednesday's tragedy. Earlier, Maharashtra's minis-ter for tribal development,

Madhukar Pichad, resigned.
An opposition motion calling for the government's resigna-tion was defeated. 127 to 68, in the state assembly.

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About 500 people were injured in the stampede, which occurred when the police tried to disperse an 50,000 tribal protesters rallying near the state assembly building to demand more jobs. Protesters had tried to break through a barricade near the assembly, prompting the police to use riot sticks.

Maharashtra's chief minister, Sharad Pawar, told the state assembly in Nagpur on Thursday that he had written to the chief justice of the Bombay High Court asking him to appoint a judge to conduct the inquiry.
The judicial inquiry. Mr.

Pawar said, would seek to determine if the police action was justified and would investigate the possible involvement of outsiders in the incident.

On Wednesday, Mr. Pichad refused to meet the protesters, who were demanding that their Gowari-Gond caste be recognized as a tribe and that they be given priority for government

"The protesting tribals were hemmed in from all sides," said Gopinath Munde, leader of the opposition Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party in Maharashtra.

"On one side were the policemen blocking the demonstration," he said, and "on the other side a very high compound wall and on the third side were the barricades.

"Police started a lathi charge and began firing in the air," Mr. Munde said. "When the tribals tried to escape the policemen chased them for at least a kilometer, beating them with lathis

mains one of the most emotion-. al events in Argentina's history and is considered the turning point in the armed forces' dom-

In April 1982, General Leopoldo Galtieri, the junta leader, seeking to increase his popularity eroded by a weak economy, invaded the Falklands and overran the small British garrison, seized from Argentina by Britain in the 1830s. Ill-

When the war was over, 625

Argentine lives had been lost. Democracy returned in 1983 with the election of Mr. Alfonman-rights violations. But the military tried three coups during Mr. Alfonsin's tenure.

Now, however, analysts say the social and economic conditions that led to past uprisings no longer exist. Marxisi movements and guerrilla warfare are no longer a concern. Mr. Menem's government has been widely recognized for revitalizing the economy.

The Defense Ministry denied nior military officers and with

equipped and ill-trained, the said that senior officers now re-Argentines were no match for alized the armed services failed the British counterattack. miserably in their past attempts to run the government and that they no longer had political de-

While military leaders have sin, and former military leaders generally welcomed the restrucwere tried and convicted of hupublicly opposed some of the more drastic changes, particularly the steep cuts in military spending as they convert to a professional force. The ministry said the budget for the armed services was \$2.1 billion this year, or about half of what it was at its peak in 1983.

Senior officers say they need more money for equipment and to increase wages. Career offi-cers earn about \$1,300 a month, far below the salaries of comparequests for interviews with se-rable government officials. The salary issue has led to low monew recruits. But people close rale and widespread moonlight-to the military establishment ing.

#### JAPAN: Confusion Clouds New Political Upheaval

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parties getting together that happened to be in the opposi-

Mr. Murayama, meanwhile, who led the Socialists in abandoning their platform of leftist policies, has been struggling to halt a movement to disband and re-create the party as a centrist alternative. The fear is that such a move could force the current government to collapse and that it could alienate the ty's old leftist wing, of which

Mr. Murayama is a member. The Socialist rebels have suggested they might compromise by voting on dissolution soon, but holding off on actually dis-banding the party until mid-1995. But that option leaves few party members happy.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of this increasingly frantic realignment is that the voters have had no opportunity to influence iL

In the last 18 months, the country has had three prime ministers, three cabinets, the complete redefinition of the Socialist Party and the enactment of several laws fundamentally reworking the election system, and yet there has been no election since July 1993, when the

ferment was just commencing. Ikuo Kabashima, a political scientist at Tsukuba University who runs polls on voter attitudes, said the Japanese had shown a growing disillusion-ment with all the parties. The number of Japanese who say they do not support any party

has soared, from 37 percent at between the governing coalition the beginning of this year to 55 percent in his latest survey.

support," he said. Mr. Murayama has proven more popular than expected when he was plucked from ob-

scurity last June and became the first Socialist prime minister here since the 1940s. But his popularity apparently results from the fact that his grandfatherly demeanor is unthreatening and even calming.

and the politicians forming the New Progressive Party. The So-"Simply put, there's a great cialists and the Liberal Demo-deal of confusion about who to crats have agreed on a sharp crats have agreed on a sharp reduction in the growth of defense spending and deregulation of the cossetted economy, and have taken a very cautious approach toward the possibility of Japan's becoming a permanent member of the United Na-

tions Security Council. The New Progressive Party members have pushed for a greater role for Japan internationally, especially militarily, Some subtle but important and a more thorough campaign policy differences have emerged of economic deregulation.

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A Good Deal on Trade

President Bill Clinton and Senator Bob Dole have struck a deal on the trade bill that is a credit to both of them.

When President Clinton inherited the world trade negotiations begun by President Ronald Reagan and continued by President George Bush, he turned away from the protectionists in his own party and, a year ago, pushed those negotia-tions to a conclusion that will serve the United States well. The trade bill embodies that agreement. Mr. Dole has now secured the Clinton administration's assurances on several points that worried him and is throwing his very substantial weight behind the bill.

To judge the value of the trade bill to the United States, keep in mind that it triggers a worldwide agreement that mainly benefits exporters, and that the United States is the world's biggest exporter. The country is one of many, rich and poor alike, that are counting on increased exports to raise their people's

standards of living.

Much of the debate has been revolving around the (erroneous) claim that the trade agreement will diminish American sovereignty. That claim has been argued in almost exactly the same terms that an earlier generation of isolationists, almost half a century ago, employed to warn that joining the United Nations

would diminish American sovereignty. In the present case, the president and Senator Dole have agreed to set up a commission of American judges to monitor the new World Trade Organization's system of settling disputes. If the WTO dispute panels exceed their legal authority, as the opponents say they fear, the monitors will blow their whistle and, if it happens three times in five years, any member of Congress can in-

troduce legislation to pull the United States out of the organization. Fair enough. That is pretty unlikely.

Another point in the administration's

deal with Mr. Dole affects The Washington Post directly. To raise revenue, a provision was put into the trade bill affecting the price of a broadcasting license in which The Washington Post Company has an interest. The administration has agreed to review the price and, if it is unfairly low as some competitors charge, to support legislation raising it. That price has already been raised hugely but, again, fair enough. As we have said before, we supported this bill long before the license provision was stuck into it, and we continue to support

it regardless of the outcome of this issue. Mr. Dole wisely dropped his attempt to link his support for the trade bill with administration backing for a capital gains tax. On that one, the administration simply said, correctly, that the two issues are unrelated.

When Congress votes next week on this bill, its decision will reach well beyond trade and economics. As the debate has developed in recent weeks, it has swung back to that old American question, whether to pursue national responsibilities throughout the world or to retreat within the borders of the United States. A vote for this bill will be a vote for active international leadership by America, and not in trade alone.

This deal between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Dole greatly improves the prospect for passage. As Mr. Dole said, "There should be a big, big vote —not a narrow vote, but a big margin, a bipartisan mar-gin as we've always had when it came to votes on trade."

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### Russia's Nuclear Gamble

For more than three decades, we now learn, Russia and the former Soviet Union have secretly pumped huge amounts of radioactive waste into the earth. The goal was to sequester the lethal wastes far from possible contact with humans. But already there are signs that some wastes are seeping beyond the original confines.

Nobody knows whether an environmental catastrophe is in the making or whether the Russians have found a waste disposal solution which, in their own context at least, is better than previously tried alternatives.

This is a vast environmental experiment whose consequences may not be known for decades or even centuries.

The underground injection program was first vaguely described by Russian scientists at a symposium in May. It has been brought to wider public attention by William J. Broad of New York Times (ÎHT Nov. 22).

the program was begun after surface storage of the wastes had met with devastating setbacks, including the explosion of one waste disposal facility and leaks from waste reservoirs and ponds. So the Russians turned to underground

storage at three widely dispersed sites. They drilled injection wells and

pumped the wastes at high pressure into porous sandstone layers, surrounded at least in part by layers of shale and clav that impede migration. Observation wells were also drilled, to help monitor any movement of radioactivity through underground waters.

But there are some signs of trouble already. Last year an environmental group charged that major faults in the ground at one site had allowed radioactive materials to move up toward surface waters. And Russian scientists reported in May that wastes injected at one site penetrated through fractures in a thin limestone layer.

All three sites are near major rivers that could spread the contamination. The greatest danger, all experts agree, is to the surrounding region in Russia itself. The rivers could also carry some radioactivity to the Arctic Ocean and beyond, but it would probably be too diluted to pose much hazard.

With so much waste buried irrevocably, the task now is to monitor it — to get early warning of any impending catastrophe or, if things go well, derive lessons that might help the United States' own more cautious but stalled waste program.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# **Denigrating the Poor**

in America, are routinely demonized for political gain. Their exploitation in this way has brought us to a cruel place in the political landscape, a place where Americans - conservative, moderate and liberal — are finding it frightening-ly easy to blame the poor for their own fate, even though that means condemning millions of children to poverty, hun-

ger and hopelessness. Given the savagery of the climate, it is useful to note what the Roman Catholic Church is saying in response.

The church, through its efforts to feed and house America's poor, is intimately familiar with the problem of poverty. Of late, its most compelling voice has been that of the archbishop of New York, Cardinal John O'Connor, who last month lashed out at politicians who caricature the poor for political benefit. His observations last month in his column, published in the newspaper Catholic

New York, merit extensive quotation: 'Cuts in serving the poor are the cuts most vehemently demanded and most popularly accepted because the poor have been so grossly caricatured, easy to

blame, easy to hate."

He continued: "The poor are poor because they want to be poor,' because 'they don't want to work' ... such are the cliches by which the poor can starve to death ... Will we be proud of ourselves to know that we have saved mon-

The poor, particularly at election time ey on the bellies of the starving? Will we ease our consciences by asking with Scrooge, 'Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses?"

About the cruel stereotyping of the poor, the cardinal said: "It is increasingrare for many of us ... to believe that people can be poor but honest, poor but deserving of respect. Poverty is no longer blamed on anyone but the poor themselves. Contempt for the poor has become a virtue."

These views were underscored last week at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, meeting in Washing-ton. Its president, Archbishop William Keeler of Baltimore, warned against "punitive welfare provisions" that would destroy fragile families and bury children deeper in poverty.

He said the bishops opposition to such cruelty was not partisan, but based on the church's teachings about "the dignity of life." He put the church squarely on the side of the vulnerable.

By all means, reform the welfare system, end the cycle of dependency, put able-bodied people to work. But politicians also need to remember that the country has a moral obligation to feed and protect those who cannot feed and protect themselves. Even trying, we fall short of that mark. If we cease to try at all, we inflict needless human suffering,

and become less of a society as we do. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.



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PARIS — This week's events again demonstrate the futility that has overtak-Serbian attacks on besieged Bihac, and against missile sites firing on NATO planes, were, at the demand of the United Nations, meticulously planned to do mini-

"signals" — a message to the Serbs.

A UN Protection Force spokesman in Sarajevo characterized Monday's raid as "not punishment but prevention." But what did it prevent? What did that mes-

mal damage. They were supposed to be

sage actually say?
That if the Serbian forces continued to violate the Bihac "safe area" and the air exclusion zone, NATO would strike harder? As of late Thursday, the Serbian forces attacking Bihac, in defiance of its status as a UN-proclaimed "safe area," were con-tinuing their operations unimpeded by NATO, or by the UN Protection Force.

A part of that force, a poorly equipped Bangladeshi unit, was caught inside Bihac, and other detachments now had been taken hostage by the Bosnian Serbs. General Michael Rose, the UN com-

mander in Sarajevo, supplied the real mes-

sage on Thursday by saying he was still optimistic about salvaging what he was pleased to describe as "the peace process." So long as UN Protection Force troops are among or near Serbian forces, they are hostage to the Serbs - and the United Nations, as well as the principal European NATO governments, will block any NATO action which could provoke Serbi-

the humanitarian aid agencies.

After the lessons learned from a policy of "sending messages" to the enemy in Vietnam — limited bombing operations meant to modify enemy conduct through the threat of escalating violence to follow one might have thought that the very expression would have been banned from the military vocabulary.

Those messages never had the intended effect, except when compliance suited the

#### The helper becomes complicit in the crimes behind the crisis.

strategy of the Vietnamese Communists. They, like the Bosman and Krajina Serbs today, had a fixed strategy and flexible tactics, and fundamental contempt for an opponent (in Bosnia, the United Nations) confused by their way of making war and without the stomach to fight it their way.

The actual message to the Serbs of Mon-day's attack was "Don't take this seriously." The message of Wednesday's raids on missile sites was "Shoot at others but not at NATO." The intended message to Westem publics was: "See how strong yet controlled NATO and the United Nations can be; something is being done about Bihac. Saraievo and the war. A few more months and the peace process will work ...

intervention on Bosnia's behalf, should have been read as "Forget the West."

All of this follows from the conflicting European and American attitudes toward the war, and from the contrary policies thereby produced. Europe's primary policy objective - essentially that of France and Britain, the principal contributors to the UN force - has been protection of UN soldiers and aid workers. The European governments may differ on how belligerent NATO should be in defending the UN

force, but they agree that it is their priority. This obviously is not how the Europeans started out. The governments which have sent soldiers were moved by the honorable ambition, largely achieved to do some good for the victims of the war, and by the hope, which has been thwarted, of broker-

ing a settlement. America's policy now is to distance itself from European policy, so as to avoid the opprobrium of complicity in nonaction to help the victims of aggression. But Washington does not itself intend to do anything for those victims that would involve any significant cost to the United States, or that would upset an American public opinion which, in this month's midterm elec-tions, confirmed its reluctance to see American forces intervene abroad.

The new Republican leaders of Congress were lions of righteousness when in opposition, attacking the Clinton administration for failing to save Bosnia. The draft would have to vote for them.

Representative Newt Gingrich, expected to become leader of the House of Representatives, says of the plans for arming and training the Bosnian army: "Frankly, I can't imagine why we would go in and provide that kind of money. Bosnia is

largely a European problem."

Humanitarian intervention has been Europe's substitute for a political and strategic policy directed toward punishing ag-gression and defending the rule of international law. This now has to be acknowledged an enormous error, with grievous consequences for the people of Yugoslavia, and paralyzing ones for the Europeans—and for the Western alliance.

The Europeans, by substituting humanitarian aid for political policy, put themselves in the power of the aggressors, and now must rationalize a situation in which they can be accused of a form of objective collaboration with aggression. No one likes to say this, but it is true.

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It is imperative to recognize that an inherent danger in all humanitarian operations of this kind is that the one who helps becomes complicit in the crimes that provoked the crisis. This is as true in Rwanda and Zaire as in Bosnia. The mistake should not be made again. International Herald Tribune.

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# Trans-Atlantic Suspicion and Bickering in the Bosnia Policy Void

PARIS — The renewed crisis in Bosnia, openly pitting Bosnian an Serbs against the United Nations, will doubtless provoke another NATO attack, providing the appearance of at least a temporary agreement among the allies. But there is no sign that underlying issues which divide them

are being resolved. French Foreign Minister Alain Juppé has defined his country's quarrel with the United States over Bosnia as whether to stop the war by insisting on negotiations or to renounce intervention and let the belligerents fight it out as best they can.

It is a way of saying that France, along with Russia and to a lesser extent Britain and Germany in the five-state Contact Group that includes the United States, is responsibly pursuing the search for peace. The Americans, in this view, have decided to support Bosnia, but not at the risk of a single American life.

The United States, on the other hand, is suggesting that the Europeans are irresponsibly helping to keep the war going by refusing decisive action and professing neutrality tempered by humanitarian concerns.

The strains are becoming serious, reviving the atmosphere of angry suspicion between Paris and Washington that only eased recently. They provoke dark conspiracy theories which undermine NATO, just when the alliance is worrying about its loss of credibility in the first combat duty it has ever faced.

It is generally accepted that the only hope of finding an acceptable settlement to the war is for the five outside powers to stick together on a clear line that cannot be successfully challenged. The trouble is that none of them has a clear line,

so they impugn each other. For most of this year, French officials have been insidiously though never quite openly accus-ing the United States of secretly supplying arms to the Bosnians

by parachute, of providing military trainers and aerial and satellite intelligence, even a sea-borne command post linked to the Bos-

Confronted by U.S. military officials, the French military say they have no proof but "indicators" which they believe. U.S. officials, from President Bill Clinton on down, have denied the charges that the United States has deliberately broken the military embargo, which would be in violation not only of UN resolutions and NATO agreements but probably also of U.S. law.

Even after issuing the congres-sionally mandated order against enforcing the embargo with U.S. units, Mr. Clinton said the United States was not defying it. The media on both sides have been curiously passive, making no energetic effort to verify or disprove the accusation.

Meanwhile, it is souring rela-tions between the French and American military, who stayed on good terms throughout the previous period of political attack and counterattack. A U.S. source has said sadly that the French military think senior Americans whom they would like to believe

are lying to them. This is not the classical game in Balkan conflicts of outside powers pursuing their conflicting interests by trying to manipulate Balkan proxies. On the contrary, their prime common interest is to end the war and get a solution. But layers of tangling circumstance have piled up, obscuring

the common interest. U.S. refusal to get directly involved drove the dithering embarrassed Europeans to look to the United Nations for intervention, which meant accepting UN constraint on when to take retaliatory or punitive action. There are now some 23,000 UN "peacekeepers" in former Yugoslavia, nearly half of them French and British. In

By Flora Lewis

the U.S. view, they have become hostages rather than protectors. In the European view, the United States is prepared to be feisty at the risk only of others' lives.

NATO is working now on contingency plans for the evacuation of endangered UN forces. The United States, whose help would be essential to avoid disaster, has agreed to provide it. But members are quarreling about who would command the operation, a reversion to past polemics likely to get worse when the newly elected

Senator Jesse Helms, expected chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, regularly thunders his opposition to the United Nations, to peacekeeping and to putting any U.S. troops under foreign command. Meanwhile, vested interests

war which add to the complications. An example was the aftermath of the seizure in Zagreb of a planeload of arms from Iran destined for Bosnian Muslims. Croatian officials are well re-

have arisen in the course of the

third of whatever does get through as "tolls." The shippers said that if the supply route really was cut, "it will cost us a lot more but we will send the goods through the Serbs." That was a credible threat. No more seizures have been reported. The public bears arguments of moral passion and strategic anal-

ysis from the statesmen. But the arguments are driven by obstructions of the moment, maneuver for position, short-term calculation. The statesmen haven't made any policy, so they argue about warded when they blink at such shipments, and Croatian forces everything else. regularly help themselves to one-

#### The Euro-American Alliance Weakens

By Jeane Kirkpatrick

did not act, we would be viewed

as incompetent and spineless. But

if we acted too vigorously we

In fact, the tragic consequences

were not long coming. Having concluded that NATO was inca-

pable of acting, Serbian forces

resumed their murderous attacks.

Bihac and surrounding villages

were again bombarded with tanks

and a helicopter gunship. Sur-

face-to-air missiles were fired at

British planes. And Bihac is now

French Foreign Minister Alain

Juppé told television viewers that

events in Bosnia raised serious

doubts about whether NATO

could assure European security in

the post-Cold War world. "Never has NATO ... appeared so little

events in Bosnia shown it in

completely surrounded.

could provoke an escalation lead-

ing to tragic consequences ..."

WASHINGTON — The UN-authorized NATO air attack on Monday against an airfield in Serbian-held Croatia was not what Americans call "decisive force.

U.S. Admiral Leighton W Smith, NATO commander in Southern Europe, said of the raid: "If I wanted to put that airfield out of commission, and to

The complex inefficacy of UN operations in Bosnia is nearly unbearable.

make sure nothing ever took off from it again, we would have taken out all the aircraft ... We would have hit their ammunition dumps and we would have taken out all the buildings anywhere around that airfield. And we could have done that."

The UN secretary-general's per-sonal representative, Yasushi Akashi, reacted differently. He hoped aloud that Serbs would not be emboldened by these "limited, necessary, proportionate responses."
"We are in a very sensitive and

delicate situation," he said. "If we

capable of maintaining security on the old Continent. Never have

so bad a light." Better an all European security force, Mr. Juppe opined, or a European pillar in NATO. In Washington, too, such questions are beginning to be raised, and not

only among isolationists. Serbia's war against Bosnia puts a heavy strain on the Euro-American relationship. Almost from the beginning there have been differences in the reactions of Europeans and Americans.

Many Americans are sympa-thetic to Bosnia. Many Americans see Bosnia as the victim of Serbian aggression, ethnic cleansing and conquest, and want to help - but without becoming involved in a ground war. Sending peacekeepers clearly

does not solve the problem. Most Americans are indifferent to the British, French, Russian and other concerns with the rights and wrongs of the 14th century, nor do we care about Euro-pean spheres of influence. We care about people being driven from their homes, about civilians being bombed, strafed, burned, frozen. We care about pillage, rape and murder.

We do not believe in neutrality as between aggressors and victims — that is why we opposed Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein. We do not believe that member states of the United Nations can be legally or morally denied the right of self-defense as is done when an arms embargo is enforced against Bosnia. That is why America will

no longer enforce the embargo. Americans who feel as I have described are found in both parties. Top officials of the Clinton administration, including the president himself, share these views (although deference to French-British sentiment has largely blocked U.S. support from the Clinton administration). On the Republican side, Robert Dole has led a campaign to oppose ethnic cleansing and to lift the arms embargo, so as to give the Bosnians a

chance to defend themselves. Of the real and growing differences between Americans and Europeans, Ambrose Evans Pritchard wrote in The Daily Telegraph in London: "Something has finally snapped in the relations between the United States and Britain. The irritation that has been festering over Balkan policy for three years has reached the point of irrepara-

ble rift ..."
NATO, he opines, is finished, and with it the intimate British-American relationship that has existed since World War II.

The causes for this rift are differences on Bosnia and American impatience with the United Nations, in its current mode. The chains of command and control, the unrealistic rules of engagement, the complex inefficacy of UN operations are nearly un-bearable for us. No U.S. president can long commit his country to such policies and operations.

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#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: China Seeks Truce

SHANGHAI - Details of the capture by the Japanese of Port Arthur are now coming in. China has despatched a special agent to Tokio with instructions to sue for peace. China will consent to accept almost any terms her conqueror may demand short of actually ceding to Japan any portion of the territory of China proper.

1919: 'Reds' on Strike

NEW YORK — [From our New York edition:] The seventy selfproclaimed citizens of Soviet Russia who are awaiting deporta-tion proceedings on Ellis Island called a protest strike yesterday [Nov. 24] against the "undignified treatment to which they are subjected by immigration officials." The "reds" in true Bolshevik fashion - through a committee - announced that if the wire

mesh barrier that has been erected in the detention pen to separate the prisoners from their visitors was not removed they would not attend the hearings now being conducted by the House Committee on Immigration at Ellis Island.

1944: Polish Struggle LONDON - [From our New

York edition: Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk and his Polish government-in-exile resigned tonight [Nov. 24] in what appeared to be general collapse of the long struggle within that government to come to terms with Russia on the post-war status of Poland. This sudden move by Mikolajczyk and his government came as a complete surprise to the usual "official Polish circles." Now diplomatic observers believe that the hopes of a rapprochement between the exiled administration and Moscow are as remote as ever.

# Cambodia's Leaders Aren't Leading

PHNOM PENH — Nearly 18 months after the euphoria generated by United Nations sponsored elections, doubts about Cambodia's future are widespread. What seemed such a promising new start in May 1993 has been compromised by

a series of developments. Since the 1993 elections there has been an attempted secession and a failed coup, both involving Prince Chakrapong, a one-time ally of present Co-Prime Minister Hun Sen. This year the Cambodian army suffered two major reversals that drew attention to their bloated size, unprofessional leadership and reputation for corruption and human

rights abuses. The Khmer Rouge, despite a drop in the number of their men under arms, continue to control more than 5 percent of the population and deny government forces access to much

of the countryside. Any hope that Cambodia's longtime leader, Norodom Sihanouk, now reinstated as king, could provide solutions have faded as he battles cancer in Beijing, Besides, his own actions after the UN-sponsored elections suggested that he was far from ready to give up the dream

of once again both reigning and ruling in Cambodia. Clearly, the elections left major problems unsolved. First, and most obvious, they did not neutralize the Khmer Rouge.

After opting out of the elec-toral process, the Khmer Rouge became a potent force for destablization. The followers of Pol Pot are not supermen, nor are they about to march into Phnom Penh, but they can act as wreckers.

By Milton Osborne

the fragile character of the government in Phnom Penh, a coalition of two parties that were mortal enemies until a peace settlement was signed in October 1991. Moreover, it is a coalition in which the balance of power does not reflect the way Cambodians voted last year.

The royalist Funcinpec party polled 45 percent of the vote to the ex-Communist Cambodian People's Party's 38 percent. Yet in terms of key ministries held and control of the administration and armed forces, power is firmly in the hands of the CPP.

Funcinpec's role was further weakened with the recent dismissal of the widely admired and incorrupt minister of finance, Sam Rainsy, and his close colleague, the foreign min-ister, Prince Norodom Sirivudh. Their leader, Prince Ranariddh. the most senior of the two coprime ministers, has shown little readiness to defend his fellow party members, which suggests that his energies are increasingly directed to shoring up his own position, to the exclusion

of other considerations. Against this background, Western nations are considering expanding their aid programs to the Phnom Penh government, and in particular to Cambodia's armed forces. Although they insist that the army must adopt serious measures of reform, there seems every likelihood that the United States, France and Australia will increase their currently modest programs of aid to the military before much

change is achieved. s wreckers.

Such aid is unlikely to bring contributed this comment to the This is the more so because of sudden improvement. The hab-

its of military extortion and other abuses are too deep-seated

for that to happen.

Nor are the Khmer Rouge likely to cease to be a malevolent force for instability. They are too entrenched in their redoubts, too well armed and unlikely, despite the protestations of innocence from Bangkok, to be quickly denied assistance from elements in the Thai army.

Most important of all the factors that will influence the future, there seems no reason to expect that the government in Phnom Penh is yet ready to place a commitment to national renovation above personal and sectional interests.

That this is so is reflected in

the complacent acceptance by

the ruling elite of the yawning gap between their privileged iffestyle and the grinding poverty of the urban and rural poor. Foreign observers who are shocked to find that the Khmer Rouge still survive, despite their past record, are even more disturbed that students in the capital express sympathy for a group that almost all outsiders condemn. The explanation for this apparent paradox lies in the perception that, whatever their past, the Khmer Rouge of-

fer an incorrupt alternative to the government and its army.

A solution to Cambodia's ills will be achieved only if its leaders show a readiness to tackle its problems. As yet there is little evidence of such resolve.

The writer, a former Australian diplomat who served in Cambodia, is author of the recent book "Sihanouk: Prince of Light, Prince of Darkness." He contributed this comment to the

O P I N I O N

# U.S. Troops on the Golan? **Pick Your Favorite Version**

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — As soon as he arrived at the dinner for related to the presence of American him at the Israeli ambassador's residence, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin took me aside to chastise me for opposing his desire for U.S. troops on the Golan Heights.

The whole idea was Bush and Baker's," he insisted, as if that were m its favor. "They proposed a whole DIVISION."

To check out that secret proposal to commit 15,600 troops, I walked over to Dennis Ross, who had been Secretary of State James Baker's top Middle East aide, and continues in that post under Warren Christo-

Clinton, who foolishly has promised both Rabin and Assad to 'make the case' for a permanent American border patrol. would lose that case.

pher. "Source says back in '91 you guys promised a whole division on the Golan — true?"

"An American military presence was discussed with Prime Minister Shamir," Mr. Ross admitted, "but no numbers were ever used. Shamir said, 'Very interesting, I'll think about it,' and later turned it down." Went back to Mr. Rabin and relat-

ed the response. "Not only did they promise a division," he said, reddening, "but a security pact as well. You don't believe me? Ask Shamir!" (Next day I called Yitzhak Shamir, who said, "I always opposed U.S. forces to defend Israel, and I don't remember any such proposal to me,

because I always opposed withdrawal from the Golan." Three memories conflict; go figure.) At the dinner table, with Mr. Christopher between us, Mr. Rabin charged that I had been "brainwashed by the Gang of Three" (a trio

of Likud spokesmen). I was deeply perturbed — not at my old friend Rabin, with whom I can disagree without rancor - but at my lack of notepaper at a newsworthy moment. Chris came to the rescue, slipping me one of the index cards he had used for his toast.

Did Israel really need the Americans on the border to make a deal

with Syria? "The gap in our negotiations," the prime minister said, lighting a cigarette that nearly asphyxiated Donna troops. It is not a major issue.

Great, said I; if it's no big deal to the Syrians, and it's so disruptive to Israelis and Americans, then why not drop it?

"It could become one," he replied. C'mon, Yitzhak, don't you want those American troops on the Golan to sell your withdrawal from the Goian to the Israelis?

"If I listened to public opinion, I wouldn't do anything" he countered gutsily. "As long as I have a majority one, I'll continue.

Mr. Christopher, taking Mr. Ra-bin's side in this dinner-debate, asked what my reasons were for opposing U.S. "monitors." I said I would answer that in a column, and he smiled, "I withdraw the question."

Some reasons are: (1) the United States would then become "neutral" in the struggles between Syria and Israel, in lieu of continuing as Israel's ally - a State Department Arabist's evenhanded dream; (2) the U.S. troops would become targets of terrorist attempts to upset the peace process; (3) Israel's freedom of action would be compromised, with no preemptive action possible without U.S. permission; (4) America's admiration for Israelis as militarily self-reliant would be replaced by resentment about risking U.S. lives

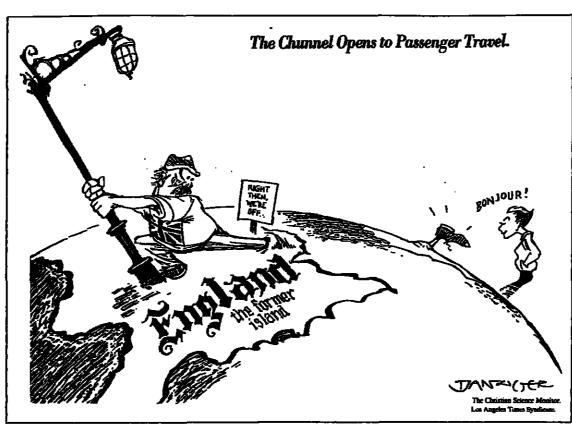
patrolling their borders. Mr. Rabin brushed all that off. "Menachem Begin set the precedent by arranging for American monitors in the Sinai," he argued. But wouldn't Golan units be at much greater risk? Chris slipped me another index card. "Just the opposite," Mr. Rabin held. He waved aside what happened to the U.S. Marines in nearby Lebanon.

I tried to tell him that if he bottomed his negotiation with Syria on being able to deliver American troops to the Golan, the negotiation would fail. Bili Clinton, who has foolishly promised both Mr. Rabin and Hafez Assad to "make the case" for a permanent American border patrol, would lose that case.

Why are senators who hold credentials as unwavering supporters of Israel — Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Alfonse D'Amato, Bob Packwood - against an American tripwire on the Golan? Why are they joined by most of Israel's strongest defenders in the U.S. media?

We are not against risks for peace; we are against imperiling the alliance between Israel and the United States.

The New York Times.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### For a U.S. Parliament

Given the results of the recent U.S. elections and the reduction of Bill Clinton's role to little more than a veto power, is it not time for the presidency to be abolished?

That this office exists at all is an anachronism owing to America's 18th century constitution, which was put in place when kings and emperors ruled Europe and before the European democracies had absorbed their executive powers into Parliaments.

It is time the United States caught up. Such a change would end the governmental warring that is exhausting America and dispiriting the electorate; would allow cohesive political parties to develop; and would perhaps make Congress the world's great forum for public debate that the Founding Fathers intended.

JOHN G. ROBERTS. Amsterdam.

#### In Line to Thump Clinton

Regarding the report "Muslims Urged to Target Clinton" (Nov. 21): When I read that Muslims were being "urged to target Clinton," I thought, get in line. The U.S. president has been roundly attacked by the Republicans — nastily so by the likes of Newt Gingrich and Jesse Helms; obliquely by his own constituents in Congress, who kept their distance from the president in the November campaign; nibbled to

death by the media; decried from pulpits of the Christian Coalition; and stiff-armed by European leaders who can't decide whether the United States is too strong or not strong enough.

Pve decided to target the presi-

dent, too. I'm targeting him for re-election in 1996. The simple reasons are (1) he's a statesman in a hayfield of loudmouthed politicians; (2) unlike the Christian Coalition, he really does care for his fellow citizen, including unmarried pregnant women, gays and the poor; (3) in two years, despite the deadly silence accorded their passage, long overdue legislation on important social issues has been written into law. I would like to see what the man

CAROL ALLEN.

#### Short on Moral Authority

chance, in six more years.

Two main goals of the Clinton administration have been the partial disarmament of America and the provision of universal health care. These are admirable aims from any objective point of view. How then to explain the president's difficulties?

Harry Triman once defined the major job of any American president as convincing people to do hard things "that they knew all along they should do."

It seems obvious that to perform that duty a chief executive must

have a certain moral authority. Alas. whether or not the picture is fair, part of Mr. Clinton's image is that of a bent Bible thumper, the sort of evangelist who fools around with the choir girls and who perhaps lifts a bit from the plate.

Thus, he fails in his worthy efforts, and voters turn away.

PETER AMBLER. London.

#### Slovakia's War Record

Regarding "Robert Paxton: France's American Expert on Vichy" (Features, Oct. 21) by Joan Dupont:

Robert Paxton is wrong when he states that France was the only colcould accomplish, given a fair laborationist country to have deported its Jews without the presence of the Germans. It shares that "distinction" with wartime Slovakia under the leadership of Jozef Tiso. Hitler said: "It is interesting to note the way in which this little Catholic priest who calls himself Tiso sends the Jews into our hands."

The Slovaks outdid the Vichy overnment by far. They paid the Germans 500 marks for every Jewish man, woman and child deported, including my family. Their Parliament was the only one in Europe to

vote for deportation. At present, Jozef Tiso's house is preserved as a national shrine.

JACK GARFEIN.

# Taking a Story for a Walk On a Special Day in Paris

was a special day. Way up there on a tower of Notre Dame in a blade of yellow sun. At the highest point they could be. Kissing with abandon.

But it begins a week or so before in a department store basement at the staplers counter. The sales clerk, a square-headed older lady. scowls when she sees you coming, scowls as you check out the mer-

#### **MEANWHILE**

chandise, scowls even when you buy a big one and two boxes of staples. say thank you and depart. With that, your one-man free fiction outfit is about to be up and running.

Mind you, the other work had already been done --- the story writing. In fact, it had been done for a long time, and had sailed around the world a few times, too. Only to come back. Like a bird to an old nest. What are you going to do with a story like that? There was only one

solution: give it away, to anybody.

They used to call them chapbooks. Maybe they still do. They're just a few pages thick, stapled. They weigh no more than a letter.

You do up a hundred of them, complete with homemade dadaist cover. At the bottom on the back: Lune de Ville Presse (in kinship with a friend's City Moon Press in America) and the month and year. No address: It's not clear you want

to get mail. That leaves only the actual distribution, which turns out to be straightforward to the point of blasé. But, as in a certain Eastern religion, getting there is more the point than arriving, which is especially good advice for an afternoon's walk

across Paris under a bright fall sky. Where once again you find yourself among countless pairs of eyes. Furtive eyes that sometimes meet yours, investigate, anxious to touch, and yet afraid. Of what? Of everything, in this city where it seems a violation to say hello to a stranger, especially with the eyes. Disappointed eyes that disappear left and right in the gray flow.

Where once again you find yourself heading for the quay down by the Pont Neuf for the view. There, in the sun, an old Japanese couple stand sketching the trees and the Square du Vert Galant.

Where across the street from the statue of Henri IV it's Beaujolais Nouvean night. Or, rather, Bojo afternoon. Fiddles screech inside and the customers are wall-to-wall. A

PARIS — You knew when you saw them up there kissing that it stopper, his bulging violet cheeks stopper, his bulging violet cheeks looking rubbed with butter. Where the Place Dauphine is

empty save a lawyer who looks like a fashion model coming across from the Palais de Justice in her shimmering black robe and perfect white tic. It's quitting time, and all the guards (a thousand and one walkie-talkies going at once) follow her with their eyes. You make your way down the sidewalk to the Quai des Orfèvres.

Where someone is playing good sax under the Pont St. Michel. The sound rings up and down the neigh-borhood and even the cops on patrol stop and lean over the wall and look at the guy. Or maybe at the young women perched below like gulls at the Seine's edge.

The echoes follow you down the quay, and then the cathedral comes into view with the two tiny blackdressed figures up there kissing as if the world were about to end. Maybe nobody is watching. Maybe everybody on the square is looking. It doesn't matter. They are as alone up there as they would have been on a cloud. You think of angels and then laugh at yourself for it.

The little American bookstore nearby agrees to take half the freebies. (We couldn't have sold them, the clerk coldly reminds.) And then, farther back on the Left Bank, the little Canadian bookstore takes the rest. (You say you might bring another bundle in a couple of weeks, if that's O.K. You say how much you appreciate their doing this. You're welcome, they say.)

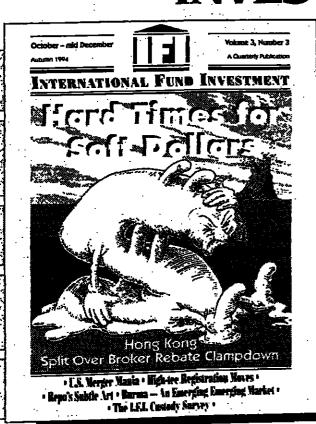
Job done. Fiction delivered. And none too soon. For there is much more walking to do. And a coffee somewhere along the way. In a loud café where you sit and watch a while, listen to six languages coming from six tables. On each, cameras and piles of guides. Outside, a shower sprouts a jungle of umbrellas.

Later on, for no real reason, you head back past the Bojo bar, where the battered wine barrel is now out on the sidewalk. Just as you arrive, a big man bursts forth carrying a big woman, both laughing like newlyweds. People inside are cheering. He puts her down and they smile back at the crowd, then at each other, and head off into the early night arm in arm.

Across the Pont Neuf on the Right Bank, over a big department store like a doll's house all alight, comes the city moon, slightly blue, full. Against the low-flying clouds, it seems to race up in the sky.

ational Herald Tribune.

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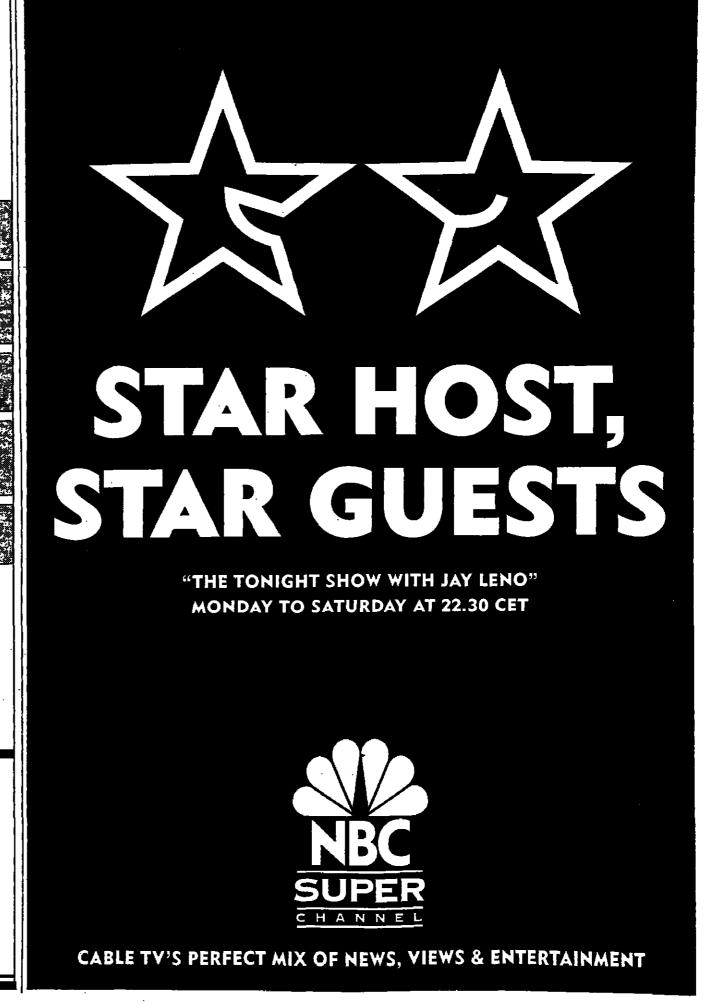
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# License to Ski: On the Trail of James Bond in the Alps

By Corinne K. Hoexter

RINDELWALD, Switzerland - Before we left for our ski week in Grindelwald in March. we had already been impressed by three things we had heard about the Jungfran region: its spectacular scenery, its starring role in the James Bond ski opus "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" and its reputation as an agreeable place for intermediate skiers like us. While we can navigate most trails, my husband, Rolf, and I do not seek out double diamonds with narrow chutes and a surfeit of shoulder-high moguls.

We began to appreciate the scenery as the electric locomotive of the Bernese Oberland Bahn, a cog railway, pulled us up the valley of the Lütschine River from Interlaken East toward Grindelwald. Suddealy the walls of rock surrounding us parted slowly like giant curtains, revealing the trio of peaks over 13,000 feet (about 4,000 meters) that would dominate our skyline for a week — the Jungfrau, the Monch and the fearsome Eiger. "At least there's snow up there," I said, for we had left an East Coast buried in snow to encounter spring in the Alps.

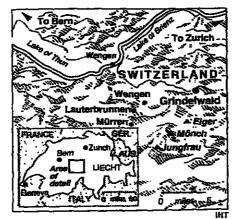
Though travelers as famous as Goethe had by the 18th century begun to flock to the Bernese Oberland to admire Grindelwald's glacier, Switzerland's notable mountain transport system proved the key to opening the Jungfrau region to tourists, climbers and, later, skiers. By the second

half of the 19th century, rail lines had pushed from Bern as far as Interlaken, and by the 1890s on separate spurs to the villages of Lauterbrunnen and Grindelwald (3,393 feet), then linked by a loop over Kleine Scheidegg (6,700 feet) under the Eiger. In 1912, what is still the highest cog railway in Europe reached the Jungfrau-joch at 11,333 feet. Of the Jungfrau region's two car-free resorts, Wengen was reached by the rail loop over Kleine Scheidegg from the Lauterbrunnen side and Mürren by a separate rail line that began service in 1891.

Ringed by a battalion of peaks that rise from its valley, Grindelwald retains scattered hints of the rural past - around its chalets, with their overhanging peaked roofs and elaborately carved wood trim, we saw budding fruit trees, haystacks, woodpiles and cowsheds. The inherent drama of the setting is accentuated by the looming presence over the winding village street of the rugged Wetterhorn and the Eiger's sheer North Wall, scaled only in 1938 after a number of contenders had plunged to their deaths.

Our small, recently renovated chaletstyle hotel at the quiet end of the village, the Gletschergarten, was run by the granddaughter of the man who first turned it into an inn in the 1890s. Our package included a generous Swiss-style buffet breakfast and four-course dinner. an L-shaped double room with modern bath and a balcony overlooking the austere slim-spired village church.

Our ski pass gave us entrée to 45 lifts serving 125 miles (200 kilometers) of trails



in three major areas: Grindelwald First, straight up from the village center; the Grindelwald-Wengen-Kleine Scheidegg triangle, the heart of the region with more than half the lifts and trails, and finally Mürren, where every January a notorious downhill race on the steep and bumpy Inferno "007" trail draws 1,500 would-be alpine champions.

From Grindelwald station, the 35-minute train ride under the presiding Eiger hauled us through avalanche sheds up to the high amphitheater around Kleine

On our arrival, after first missing the trail under its morning frosting and pitching into a snow drift, I began to adjust to the alternating crunch and powder. Soon we were zigzagging our way across open slopes on creamy snow with trails so wide that a blue (easy), a red (intermediate) and a black (difficult) might drop over them side by side in gradations from the gentlest to the steepest pitch. We went up the Honege Tbar, the steep, icy one that comes to a sudden, rather scary end, and the easyriding Tschuggen. We were funneled into long lanes between the evergreens and up over ridges on narrow two-way paths.

Toward the Wengen side, we crossed a magic border into our ski field of dreams: the heights of Männlichen, 7,317 feet, with its series of parallel ridges served by two chairs under the almost four-mile-long gondola from Grindelwald Grund. This billowy white sea was crisscrossed by rollercoaster trails, soaring over great mounds and dropping into hidden hollows.

Luckily, the Männlichen chair rose to a plateau that included the Bergrestaurant and a dizzying view down a steep plunge demarcated by avalanche fences. Re-freshed by a lunch of a fondue variation that resembled a grilled cheese sandwich. consommé and green salad, we flung ourselves back over the rim of the ski bowl to pursue our pendulum course back to Kleine Scheidegg and the train. At some point the great cruising arcs we had been making so easily seemed to become slow and sluggish to execute in the rising heat of the afternoon. Even mogul patches became merely slushy. By the last run up the Arven chair, we had acquired a healthy

thirst. Fortunately, an outdoor bar awaited next to the tracks.

Two days later, a perfect sky shone over the Wetterhorn. The morning huddle among the skiing guests in the hotel dining room agreed it was just the day for the trip up to the Jungfranjoch.

For the last four miles of a 50-minute journey, the cogwheel train from Kleine Scheidegg travels through a tunnel just inside the North Wall of the Eiger and the Monch to the Jungfraujoch, 11,333 feet. We left the dim station, feeling lightheaded, and ran into a wall of blinding light where the sun blazed on a river of snow flowing between a circle of mountaintops - the Aletsch Glacier, the longest in the Alps, running 60 miles to the south.

TTHIN the glass-sided Mountain House, built into the rock adjoining the station and completed in 1987, we discovered an array of restaurants, a souvenir shop and a post office as well as a network of internal galleries to several vantage points and the mysterious ice palace carved deep inside the glacier 50 years ago by an alpine guide from Grindelwald. We skated on our shoe soles along the slippery corridors grasping a railing as an eerie blue penumbra lighted the niches containing ice sculptures. On a platform attached to the Sphinx research station and again on a slippery plateau hanging over the glacier, we steadied ourselves in the icy wind gusting 40 miles an hour in freezing temperatures.

On the last day, we could not go to Mürren as planned because the early spring had closed parts of the "007" run. In the morning on the advanced slopes near the Laboratory and Wisconsing above the laboratory and Wisconsing above the Lauberhorn and Wixi chairs above the tree line, we sometimes seemed to be plunging over the outer edge of the world's curve.

Determined to go as near Wengen as the snow would allow, we headed down the steeps, the twists and the mostly masheddown bumps of the Lauberhorn World Cup racing trail. Approaching a pair of huge boulders that loomed in our path, we swerved around them into a beautiful highway between aisles of evergreens.

On our last run to the railroad's midstation Brandegg we were moving free across the wide sunny fields in lengthening shadow, sometimes gliding between the trees, gradually accelerating till we felt we had broken away from the pull of gravity.

As we enjoyed a farewell drink at a cafe not far from the station, we wondered

when we might fill in the blanks on our Grindelwald exploits, ski to Wengen and Murren, dely the perils of the Salzege Tbar, and eat in the Piz Gloria, the revolving restaurant at the top of the Schilthorn that was used as a set for "On Her Majesty's Secret Service." When we got back-home, we rented a video of the Bond movie. The skiing sequences seemed a bit overdone, but then exaggeration had always been the essence of 007.

Corinne K. Hoexter, a longtime skier, wrote this for The New York Times.

# For Overnight Pop-Ins: A Hotel for the Under-12 Set

By Emily Laurence Baker

ONDON — The London Hotel of the Year in the "1994 Which" Hotel Guide" costs £25 to £30 a night, including dinner and breakfast, and has a staff that tries to indulge every whim. There are a few catches: Guests don't get a private room or bath and must be between the ages of 2 and 12.

Pippa Pop-ins, apparently the only children's hotel in the world, is the innovation of Pippa Deakin, a former teacher and nanny who was once asked to baby-sit for seven youngsters on the same night. She resolved the dilemma by inviting them all to her house for an evening of bubble baths and midnight feasts.

"I wondered how many other parents couldn't get a baby-sitter that night." says the 29-year-old Deakin. So why not a children's hotel?" Deakin expanded her original idea and in January 1992 opened the overnight nursery along with a licensed nursery school and a vacation excursion program.

The only similar establishment is in Hungerford, England, at the Norland Nursery Training College, where young-sters can stay with a training namy for extended periods. Pippa Pop-ins has a three-night maximum.

The Georgian residence, situated on the busy stretch of Fulham Road beside the Chelsea Football Club grounds, appears to have been decorated by an interior design firm staffed with under-12s. A spacious playroom on the ground floor is crammed with toys and books. Stuffed animals and wooden toys peer over stairway landings and the walls of the two bedrooms are lined with clowns.

Children choose their own beds, and amazingly everyone agrees. There are only three house rules: "Yes means yes, no means no, and a promise is a promise to be

Weekend dinners are a celebration with party hats, balloons and streamers. Some parents might be dismayed at the bowls of potato chips and chocolate bars that line the table before dinner is served but the guests don't seem to mind. Nor do they complain about the menu of sausage rolls, baked beans, pizza and chips accompanied by vintage orange squash.

The kids don't even mention the recycled bathwater that would undoubtedly make adults squirm. As the youngest group comes out, the older ones obediently strip ("next to your beds, please, so clothes don't get mixed up") and climb into water strewn with soap bubbles and floating letters.

After bathtime, the pajama-clad entourage races back downstairs for a "mid-night" feast (a few hours earlier than would be technically accurate) and a short video. The best is yet to come: an organized pillow fight before the three night-duty nannies tuck the exhausted hotel patrons into bed.

From fairy hunts in the garden (where Deakin's pet rabbits are housed) to theme

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Onward and upward with the arts: The Chinese Ministry of Culture has ordered night clubs and karaoke halls to buy a laser disk of 55 patriotic songs lauding socialist achievements and veteran revolutionaries, Reuters tells us. That'll pull them in.

weekends that sometimes include entertainment, Deakin wants the experience to be a child's fantasy.

Even so, parents might have trouble believing Ms. Pop-ins' insistence that there is no homesickness. Indeed, two recent visits revealed several distressed youngsters clinging to mothers' knees, imploring them not to leave. But the nannies are adept at defusing despair after parents depart.

The anti-homesick campaign begins long before the tots arrive. Prospective guests are invited to tea before their overnight visit to inspect the surroundings. "Children are invited by me to come and stay," explains Deakin, "If they say no, we won't accept the booking."

Files are maintained on each child detailing personal information and bedtime routines. Odd habits are induiged. One 2year-old whose mother brings a glass of milk to her bedside every morning starts her day the same way at Pippa Pop-ins.

Just what kind of parents send their child to a hotel overnight? While you might think it's the dual-career couple whose business schedules clash with each other's and their offspring, it's more likely to be parents with a big night out.

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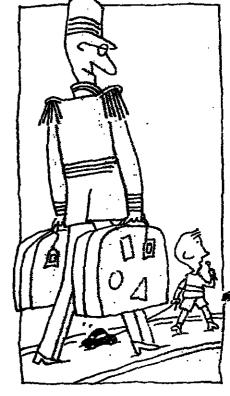
Deakin is not daunted by running a day and overnight nursery at a time when the child-care industry is regularly publicly scrutinized. "Of course I'm aware of things that could go wrong - the responsibility is there 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But this is a vision, a life, and whether I'm paid or not I still want to do it."

Her vision extends beyond Fulham Road, beginning with Wimbledon, where she awaits planning approval for use of a listed building as a prep school and hotel. Future plans include kiddie hotels in New York and Washington and schools for children with special needs.

Despite Deakin's ambitious goals, her role as managing director includes regular nighttime nanny shifts, during which she looks completely natural seated on a twofoot-high chair amidst chaos.

"Every day that a child comes here and goes home happy, it's been a great success," she says. "Every day should be special." Coming from anyone else that would sound painfully naive. But under the spell of Mary Poppins incarnate, one can only think, why not?

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#### La Estrategia del Caracol

Directed by Sergio Cabrera. Colombia.

Cabrera is the son of Spanish actors who went into exile during the Franco dictatorship, and Cabrera as a young man fought in the guerrilla forces in his native Colom-bia. Given that background, it's not surprising that Ca-brera's latest film, which be co-wrote, depicts some saltof-the-earth tenants in Bogotá who devise a snail's-pace (caracol) strategy to resist eviction by a greedy landlord and his thugs. The refreshing part is how Cabrera masterfully weaves the political age into a gripping human drama, with ample humor. He makes rooting for the crafty good guys so much fun, while presenting the an-

human dignity is Jacinto, played by the director's fa-ther, Fausto. He advises, "For once, believe in people and not just the law," and makes references to the good fight against Franco in the Spanish civil war. The tena-cious tenants quickly close ranks: a woman who miraculously enlists the Virgin Mary in the struggle; a down-andout lawyer, an unusual prostitute, and a priest with a straying eye. The acting is first rate and the pace is keen.
(Al Goodman, IHT)

Directed by Ivan Reitman. U. S.

From Terminator to Incubator, from steroids to estrogen. from buns of steel to bun in the oven: Arnold Schwarzenegger gets in touch with his feminine side in "Junior." A fleecy romantic caper with a dusting of feminism, the pictagonists as narrow-minded fellows you love to hate. Leading the tenants' fight for ture is basically a one-joke Schwarzenegger, who has never looked more radiant, is pregnant. Danny DeVito, as a fertility doctor, impregnates the hero, who is both father and surrogate mother of the embryo. Schwarzenegger and DeVito play Alexander Hesse and Larry Arbogast, an Austrian scientist and a tenacious gynecologist who have developed a drug, Expectane, that reduces the risk of miscarriage in chimps. When the FDA forbids them to test it on pregnant women, Arbogast persuades Hesse to play guinea pig in the name of science. Meanwhile, their funds are cut off and a villainous department head (Frank Langella) forces them

to give up their lab at the

university to make room for

Diana Reddin (intoxicating

Emma Thompson), a cryo-

genics expert who arrives

movie successfully nursed by

director Ivan Reitman.

with a "dairy case" of frozen ova "Junior" becomes a bit sticky in the end. But it is worth it all the same, just to be there when Schwarzenegger delivers not just the baby but also the line "My body, my choice." (Rita Kempley, WP)

A Low Down Dirty

Directed by Keenen Ivory Wayans, U. S. For all its jokes, "A Low Down Dirty Shame" is not an out-and-out spoof of the blaxploitation genre like Keenen Ivory Wayans's 1989 comedy hit, "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka." It is a goodnatured action film that doesn't take itself at all seriously. The story isn't much to speak of. Wayans, who also wrote the film, plays Andre Shame, a former cop turned private eye whose business is going nowhere. Just when things are about to collapse,

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Drug Enforcement Agency to find \$20 million in missing drug money. Shame's adver-sary, Mendoza (Andrew Di-voff), is a notorious drug czar rumored to be dead but actually living with Shame's for-mer sweetheart, Angela (Salli Richardson). Wayans is an agreeable screen presence, but he makes a surprisingly bland action hero. As the object of two competing wornen, he seems bored by a contest that builds into a furious argument about who is a better fighter, Mike Tyson or Muhammad Ali, The combatants are the sultry Angela and Shame's adoring secretary and assistant, Peaches (Jada Pinkett). Pinkett. whose performance is as sassy and sizzling as a Salt-n-Pepa recording walks away with the movie. (Stephen Holden, NYT)

he is hired by an officer of the

La Bella Vita

Directed by Paolo Virzi. Italy. From a summer romance fucled by a refrain of separations, reunions and ferry rides between the mainland and the island of Elba, Bruno and Mirella marry and create a discreet and evidently happy life together. Bruno works in a steel mill in his native

ella holds down a job as a cashier in the Pionibine supermarket. Then, in what seems to be an instant, their tableau of quiet, consensual resignation comes undone. Bruno is laid off, Mirella, a dutiful, devoted companion as both fiancée and wife, falls for Jerry Fumo, an unctuous. local television personality who represents a chance for glamour and romance. The safe, insulated life for which both Bruno and Mirella put their dreams in book has vaporized like the most volatile of illusions. "La Bella Vita" is a light, realistic and, for the most part, fast-moving tale about the loss of identity in today's Italian working class. Bruno, Mirella and even Jerry Fumo - whose veneer of romance and polish soon peels to reveal an insecure, dependent man with needs too great for Mirella to tend to - are left to sort out what remains of their ambitions. illusions and certitudes. Claudio Bigagli is excellent as the deliberate, discriented Bruno, while the voluntuous but somehow chaste Sabrina Ferilli almost bursts the contours of her character as Mir-

coast town of Piombine. Mir-

(Ken Shulmer, 1HT)

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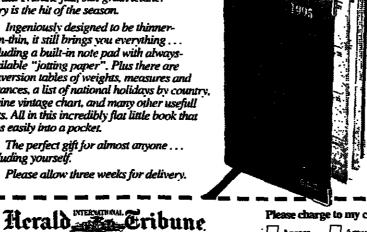
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# **Quirky Tips From the Famous**

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune

ECRUIT a worldwide team of 200 peripatetic celebrities, critics, food writers, hoteliers, restaurateurs and assorted entrepreneurs and ask them to report on what they consider to be the best in travel: This is the formula for the fifth edition of Courvoisier's "The Book of the Best," published this month in London (Vermilion/Random House, £12.99). It is edited by the food critic Loyd Grossman, who is taking over from Lord Lichfield, founder-editor, who started the publication 10 years ago.

The result is a travel guide packed with

tips and opinions, verdicts and often idiosyncratic insights. The new edition covers 58 countries with 2,500 entries on the best hotels, restaurants, bars and cafes, clubs, museums, galleries, markets, fashion designers, festivals, spas, sports, theater, mu-

signers, tesuvais, spas, sports, theater, music, shopping and sightseeing.

Scattered throughout the book are essays on such eclectic topics as Wolfgang Puck ("chef to the stars" in Los Angeles): Literary New York (readings, bookshops and tours); Best of the Bush (Australia): Melbourne Foodie Musts; Big Breakfasts in Sydney; Indian Choice; Top Tailors, and Pub Grub (London); Nile Tours (Egypt); Bistros, Choice Cheeses, Choco-holics Choice (Paris); Exotic Adventures (Himalayas); Private Palace Hotels (In-dia); Pub Culture (Ireland); Piazza Campo dei Fiori (Rome); Best Parks in Tokyo; Cafe Life (Amsterdam); A Great River Journey (Papua New Guinea), and the Blue Train in South Africa.

Don't look for consistency or objectivity (it takes a serious celebrity to be as fatuous as: "Taillevent is easily the best in France,"
Judith Krantz).; "St. Petersburg is a drug."
Princess Katya Galitzine; or "The difficulty with Paris is that every restaurant is so good you can't just pick one," Andrew Lloyd Webber). But there's too much good stuff here to quibble about that.

Entries are arbitrary and inconsistent. The United States gets 41 pages; Britain 34; Hong Kong, seven; Japan and Thai-land six each; Singapore three; South Af-rica two; places like Fiji, Sri Lanka, Bermuda and Jamaica have half a dozen entries among them; Cuba gets a page; while Finland, Malta, Israel, most of the Gulf states and the Philippines are left out

The book is highly subjective; we make no claim to objectivity. Most guidebooks either rely on one person's opinion, or like Michelin on a highly trained team of professionals. Whereas ours is based purely on the subjective thoughts of 200 people who are demanding, cosmopolitan, and sophisticated," says Grossman. The best is going to be their collective view. But there's no question that the best has more to do now with best value and local character than it did, say, two or three years ago. There has been a pretty healthy turn away from the sort of preposterous ostentation of international luxury.

"Of course, you're going to have predictable things, I mean when you talk about Paris hotels, the Crillon is going to be there. But what we've tried to do this year is to get

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off the beaten track and stress the interest of things that are local and particular to the various places, to counteract the wave of homogenization one finds everywhere. This is not my personal restaurant guide. But I have attempted to stress value, more about attractions for kids and culture, which I find play an increasingly important role in determining travelers' inneraries. That may explain why travel to cities has become increasingly popular. Many people visit the Far East on business and return for pleasure. This is my first year as editor. But Patrick [Lichfield], who started it, is a benign influence; he travels incessantly and knows a lot of people.

The length of contributions, and indeed which countries get listed at all depends on our contributors; that's why we have these little essays on places like Vietnam that our gang are increasingly traveling to. If one of our contributors said, 'By the way, I've just spent three months in Timbuktu, it's a fabulous place,' we'd write about it. This year we've identified places, like Lyon, that tend to get missed out. It's very amusing to see the opinions of people both on sacred cows and new discoveries. It's an exceptionally good worldwide telephone directory."

I recognized only a handful of the celebrities listed at the front of the guide — authentic luminaries like Peter Ustinov, Richard Branson, David Frost, Andre Previn, Ralph Steadman, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Jeffrey Archer, Michael Caine, Joan Collins, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Dame Barbara Cartland.

Lichfield and Grossman recruited 12 of the top celebrities as a jury for 16 somewhat girmnicky "Best Value" awards ("Not the best of the best but amongst the most interesting and stimulating of the best," Grossman says). Singapore Airlines (Best Airline), Four Seasons-Regent Hotels (Best Hotel Group), Dubai (Best Airport Shopping) and Hong Kong (Best Destination) are arguable, though what you might expect; but Melbourne Moomba (Best Festival): Roscoff Belfast (Best British Restaurant); St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art in Glasgow (Best British Museum). and Opera North in Leeds (Achievement in the Arts in Britain) started me turning the pages. And I wouldn't quarrel with Best British Breakfast (Simpson's-on-the-Strand) and Best Pub (The Dove) both in London, or Lyon as Best European Weekend Destination.

"The Book of the Best" carries the usual disclaimer about not accepting advertising or payment for entries. But it may be a tad incestuous when celebrities just happen to praise one another. Alain Ducasse (a contributor) at the Hôtel de Paris in Monte Carlo is hyped as the World's Greatest Chef — which he may well be but did he pay for his meal at Joël Robu-chon's "temple of gastronomy" in Paris? And is it cynical to suppose that Ustinov got the presidential suite at the Westbury in Dublin because he is Sir Peter Ustinov? Perhaps you have to be a celebrity to get a

"I would be extremely distressed to find out that anyone involved with the book had ever had a quid pro quo, or said, let me stay for free and I'll give you a writeup," Grossman says. "At least we didn't ask Alain Ducasse to write his own blurb. And I happen to think that because he is a great chef, his views on a restaurant, colored as they may be by his philosophy, are

ELL, yes. Until we read that Mohamed al Fayed praises the Ritz in Paris as meeting the exacting standards of César Ritz 100 years ago, when al Fayed is both a contributor and owner of the Ritz. A crucial test for a travel guide is what it says about places in your own backyard or mliar stamping ground.

"The Book of the Best" barely scrapes by on its listings for the Côte d'Azur sound on art and museums; otherwise predictable and pedestrian.

But for London, the guide comes alive. Apart from a few dud entries, it's an excellent London restaurant guide, with an inside track to the trendiest and best value places in town. So I'll take it with me when I next go to Hong Kong.

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# VAT Guide: Getting Refund Isn't Easy

By Betsy Wade

WITZERLAND is joining the 19 European countries that charge a value-added tax, or VAT, on goods and services. The tax goes into effect Jan. 1, and the rate is 6.5

It applies to accommodations, car rentals and restaurant meals, as well as goods purchased to be taken home. It will not be applied to theater tickets, according to Erika Lieben, public relations manager for the Swiss National Tourist Office in New York.

The new tax, described as a consum tion tax, will replace a purchase tax of 4.5 to 4.8 percent that now applies only to merchandise. Despite the rise, the 6.5 percent rate is among the lowest in Europe, where the levels run up to 25 percent in Denmark, 21 percent in Ireland, and 17.5 percent in the Netherlands and Britain.

Tourism-promotion organizations make a fair amount of noise about the possibilities for tourists to recover the taxes they have laid out, but the truth is that, with one exception, refunds are available only for merchandise that is bought to be taken out of the country, and the tourist must spend a certain amount in one store, or in Spain, in one purchase, to get a refund. At this writing, the Swiss had not decided whether tour-

ists could obtain a refund at all. Some countries apply tax rates to lodgings and restaurant meals that are lower than the standard rates for merchandise. But whatever the rate, these taxes are not recoverable, except in Canada, where hotel taxes may be recouped by a traveler with proper documentation.

The VAT is sneaky: The price tags on merchandise, the prices on menus or rates printed on hotel brochures generally do not list it separately; the traveler may even remain unaware of its existence.

All 12 countries of the European Union apply this tax: Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Nether-

lands, Portugal and Spain Most other countries in Europe have VATs, including four countries scheduled to join the European Union in 1995:

Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden. Except for Britain, European countries set a minimum amount the traveler must spend in one store, or in the case of Spain, on one purchase, to qualify for a

In Britain, alone in the European Union, the stores set this minimum. At

Harrods, it is £150, or about \$235 at the current rate of exchange; at Harvey Nichols, £100; Selfridges, Liberty or Marks & nicer, £75; at Fortnum Mason and the Peter Jones and John Lewis stores, £50.

Although these thresholds may look steep to travelers on a budget, the fact is there is little point in going through all the paperwork for small purchases, which produce still smaller refunds, and which will be further diminished by a service charge of 20 percent levied by the company that handles the refunds.

If you are making a purchase in a store where things are more informal, it's smarter to see if the store will deduct the tax from the price, and avoid the annoyance at the airport. Small shops are likely to be most amenable to this idea. Almost all refund arrangements in Eu-

rope -- Ireland excepted -- are handled in the United States by Europe Tax-Free Shopping, with sales headquarters at 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. People from other countries can write to its Swedish headquarters at Faktorvagen 9, Box 10004, S-434 21, Kungsbacka, Sweden.

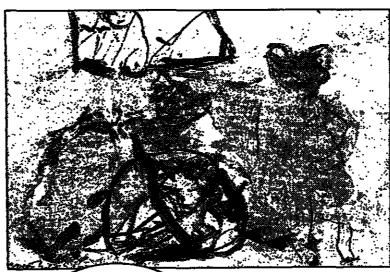
The company began in 1980 and now operates in Austria, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain. Steve Jarmal, sales manager, says that the company has agreements with 70,000 stores in these countries, which usually display a logo: "Tax Free for Tourists."

To use the refund system, when you shop you must carry a passport or some-thing else establishing you as a visitor. In the store, you ask for the form, or "shopping check," issued by Europe Tax-Free Shopping, which comes with an envelope. The sales clerk fills out the form.

you are in a country belonging to the European Union, you present the forms at the airport where you will finally leave the EU; the booth there will handle the slips from all the EU countries you have visited.

Get to the airport early. The govern-ment customs agent for the country you are leaving will stamp the forms. You should be prepared to show the mer-

After you have passed customs, look for a Tax-Free Shopping window. The refund, minus the company's fee, about 20 percent, can be in cash, a check or a credit to a credit card. If the line is too long or you are too late, the forms can be mailed in the envelopes provided.







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Künstierhaus, tel: (1) 52177-404, open daily. Continuing/To Jan. 29:
"Agyptomanie: Agypten und das Abendland." Documents the influence of Egyptian art on 18th- and 19th-century European art and de-

sign.
Wiener Staatsoper, tel: (1) 5131513. After months of renovation, the curtain raises on Dec. 14 with Rich-ard Strauss's "Elektra."

#### BRITAIN

Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71) 494-5615, open daily. Continu-ing/To Dec. 14: "The Glory of Ven-ice: Art in the 18th Century."

CANADA

Musée d'Art Contemporain, tel: (514) 847-6226, closed Mondays. in. 8: "The Origin of Things Sculptures and installations by contemporary Montreal artists.

From top, "Gizmo & Jezebel" by Margriet de Bruin, in Amsterdam; a Western Zhou mask, in Paris, and Alexei Jawlensky's "Mystic Head," in Pasadena.

#### FRANCE

Centre Georges Pompidou, tel: (1) 44-78-40-86, closed Tuesdays. To Feb. 20: "Kurt Schwitters." 300 paintings, collages, sculptures, typo-graphical works and poems created between 1910 and 1947 by the German-born artist (1887-1948). Schwitters's work reflects various

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Grand Palais, tel: (1) 44-13-17-17, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Jan. 9: "Gustave Caillebotte, 1848-1894." Also, to Jan. 2: "Nicolas Musée d'Art Moderne, tel: (1) 47-

23-61-27, closed Mondays. To March 19: "André Derain, 1880-1954: Le Peintre du Trouble Mo-derne." A retrospective of the works deme." A retrospective of the works of the Fauve painter, including paintings, sculptures, works on paper. book illustrations and stage settings. The exhibition will travel to Madrid. Musée des Arts Asiatiques-Guimet, tel: (1) 47-23-61-65, closed Tuesdays. To Feb. 27: "La Chine des Origines: Hommage a Lionel Jacob." 50 pieces documenting the evolution of Chinese culture from the neolithic period to the foundation of China. period to the foundation of China.

#### GERMANY

Martin-Gropius-Bau, tel: (30) 254-890. To Feb. 5: "Der Riss im Raum." locludes peintings, sculptures, instal-lations and video presentations by 49 German, Polish, Czech and Slovak artists from 1945 to the present day.

Cologne
Museum Ludwig, tel: (221) 2212623, closed Mondays. To Jan. 8:
"Yyes Kiehr: Der Sprung ins Leere." Part I of the retrospective focuses on the emergence and development of the French artist's creative activities which lasted only eight years (1954-1962). Part II is in Dosseldorf.

Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-West-talen, tel: (211) 8381-174, closed Mondays. To Jan. 8: "Yves Klein: Leap into the Void" focuses on the two exhibitions present 150 works

Teatro Comunale di Firenze, tel: (55) 211-158. "La Bohème," directed by Jonathan Miller and conducted by Serryon Bychkov. Dec. 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

#### JAPAN Tokyo

National Museum of Western Art tel: (3) 3828-5131, closed Mondays. To Nov. 27: "1874: The Year of Impressionsm." Tries to recreate the first impressionst exhibition of the then unknown painters, sculptors and printmakers held in Nadar's studio. Tokyu Department Store, tel (3) 3477-3111, open daily. To hov. 23: "Yumeji Takehisa." Works by the Japanese painter, illustrator and poet. Takehisa is known for depic-tions of melancholy-looking women. Ueno Royal Museum, tel: (3) 3833-4191. Continuing/To Dec. 25. "The

#### THE NETHERLANDS

Unknown Modigliani."

Atteller Lia van Vugt, tel. (20) 622-1702. To Dec. 20: "Kurstje Kado." Works by three contemporary artists, Margiet de Bruin, Eddy Gheress, Bjorn v. Voigt.

#### SPAIN

Fundació Antoni Tapies, tel: (3) 487-0315. To Jan. 29: "In the Spint of Fluxus." An overview of the 1962 movement that united avant-garde artists in Europe and later in the Unit-ed States. Documents the develop-ment of performance art, minimalism and Conceptual art.

Fundació La Ceixa, tel: (3) 404-60-73, closed Mondays. To Jan. 22: "Kandinsky/Mondrian: Dos Ceminos Hacia la Abstraccion." Docu ments the parallels and differences between the two painters in their earbetween the two parties in their ear-ty phases. Both started as figurative painters aithough Kandinsky later de-veloped an abstract style while Mon-drian adopted a geometric idiom.

Fundación Juan March, tel: (1) 435-42-40, open daily. Continuing/To Jan. 22: "Tesoros del Arle Japones: Período Edo 1615-1868."

#### SWITZERLAND

Grand Théâtre, tel: (22) 311-22-18. "La Boheme," directed by Robert Carsen and conducted by Mark El-der, with Marcus Jerome/Valentin Prolat and Mary Mills/Gwynne Geyer. Dec. 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Musee Rath, tel: (22) 310-52-70, closed Mondays. To Feb. 12: "L'Es-

prit d'une Collection: De Caspar David Friedrich a Ferdinand Hodler." Paintings and drawings by German. On Nov. 27: "Der Frohe Kandinsky." Swiss and Austrian painters of the Brücke-Museum, Berlin.

19th century. Includes works by Friedrich, Carl Blechen, Adolph von Menzel and Carl Spitzweg.

#### UNITED STATES

Walters Art Gallery, tel: (410) 547-9000, closed Mondays. To Jan. 15:
"Gauguin and the School of Pontaven." More than 100 works charting the development of the post-impressionist school. Includes 16 paintings by Gauguin, and works by Emile Ber-nard, Paul Serusier and Maunce De-

Chicago
Art Institute, tel: (312) 443-3600, open daily. To Jan. 15: "Glad Tidings of Great Joy." 15 medieval, Renaissance and Baroque works of art from the institute's permanent collection to tell the Christmas story.

tell the Christmas story. New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, tel: (212) 570-3791, closed Mondays. To Dec. 4: "The Violin Masterpleces of Guarneri del Geso." 15 violins from Giuseppe Guarneri, a member

who died in 1745. Norton Simon Museum, tel: (818)

449-6840, closed Mondays, Tues-clays and Wednesdays. To Sept. 10: "The Spirit of Modernism: Galka Scheyer in the New World." More than 200 works by representatives of European modernism from the col-lection of Galka Scheyer, Includes works by Picasso, Kokoschka, Kirchner, Nolde, Schwitters and Dix,

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On Nov. 27: "Nicolas de Stael: Retro-Schirn Kunsthalle,

Frankfurt.
On Nov. 27: "Edverd Munch und Deutschland." Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung, Frankfurt.
On Nov. 27: "Willem de Kooning." High Museum of Art, Atlenta.
On Nov. 27: "Fernand Leger 1911-1924: Le Rythme de la Vie Moderne."

Kunstmuseum, Basel. On Nov. 30: "Klimt: Dessins." Musée-Galerle de la Seita, Paris. On Nov. 27: "Herbert Boeckl, 1894-1966." Kunstforum Bank Austria, On Nov. 27: "Franz Kline: Black &

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#### Analysts Are a Hot Item in Tokyo Foreign Brokerage Firms Move to Strengthen Staffs By Steven Brull "The Tokyo market's been going no-

TOKYO — Foreign brokerage houses in Tokyo, plagued by falling share prices and anemic trading volume the past four years, hardly seemed likely to enter a bidding war for securities analysts.

But many top researchers have begun to command compensation as high as \$800,000 annually, and one was recently hired for \$1 million, insiders say. The salary surge is being spurred by a handful of foreign houses, mostly Ameri-

can, that are trying to recruit a few top names to establish or re-establish their research reputations. The brokerage concerns — which include Goldman, Sachs & Co., Morgan Stanley & Co., CS First Boston Group

Inc., Smith Barney and UBS Securities - have been encouraged by strong performances on Wall Street last year and a belief that the Tokyo stock market, the world's second biggest, will sooner or later recover in step with Japan's econo-

There also is a growing premium on fundamental research into Tokyo equities, a major reversal from the late 1980s, when most shares were rising, and rumor and manipulation were the keys to a killing in the market.

At the same time, the emergence of attractive equity markets in Southeast Asia and Latin America has created fresh demand for analysts in Tokyo — in contrast to Hong Kong, where U.S. brokerage concerns are cutting staff.

where and volumes are shrinking so there's more attention being paid to detail and what the analysts are writing," said Simon Hurst, sales manager at Smith New Court Securities. "There's more direct contact between fund managers and analysts."

While the high-priced recruiting has allowed the American brokers to assem-

Strong performances on Wall Street and a belief that the Tokyo stock market will eventually recover seem to be behind the trend.

ble research staffs relatively quickly, British houses, many of which estab-lished themselves earlier in Japan, have been put in a bind.

Traditionally, they offer competitive base salaries but less in bonuses in good years. In return, they provide greater job security and a less pressured workplace. But many, such as Kleinwort Benson Securities and Baring Securities Ltd., have begun to move toward Americanstyle compensation.

"It's very irritating to pay," said one manager of a European brokerage house that has been building up a research

Some houses, notably Jardine Fleming Securities, have refused to join the bidding war and have suffered as a result.

The British brokerage house, whose research department was among the most respected in the late 1980s, has seen more than half its staff of 16 analysts leave over the past 20 months, although some of those were nudged out or transferred. The research department lacked an economist for most of 1993, and clients are complaining that the firm's research has lost some of its edge.

"Fleming's is a great place to work if you're pretty average and a terrible place if you're really good," said one source at the company, who asked not to be identified, quoting what he said was a common refrain among employees. "They won't pay top dollar, so they're losing a lot of

top people." Christopher Grubb, director and general manager of Jardine Fleming's Tokyo branch, conceded that the standing of the firm's research had diminished over the years as its number of competitors

had increased. But he defended the company's personnel policies as more sound over the long haul, as well as smart given the higher priority Jardine Fleming has put on the rest of Asia, where it is a leading investment manager.

Buying up people at high prices doesn't assure you a place in the record books," he said, adding that the presence of analysts with egos to match their sala-

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# **Bad Loans Sink Profits at Japan Banks**

TOKYO - Japan's largest commercial banks saw their

profits plunge in the six months to September as they wrote off record losses for bad loans made in the 1980s during Japan's economic boom. The process of writing off

bad debt has become fuliscale," Yoshifumi Nishikawa. senior managing director of Sumitomo Bank Ltd., said Thursday. "These are particularly severe financial results."

Japan's 11 biggest commercial banks had a combined cur-

earnings before taxes and ex- Sumitomo Bank Ltd. traordinary items, and afterloan write-offs.

The banks' fortunes soured because domestic bank lending rates fell and the value of foreign investments declined, just as the banks were disposing of a big chunk of their bad debt, Mr. Nishikawa said.

The 11 banks said they had

rent profit of 233.3 billion yen stock profits and written off (\$2.37 billion) during the half- 1.34 trillion yen in bad debt, year, 41 percent less than a year according to a summary of their earlier. Current profit includes earnings provided Thursday by

> The write-offs were 491.1 billion yen greater than during the year-earlier period. Extra profit from stock sales rose 533 billion yen, according to the summary.

Many of the bad loans were made to speculators during Japan's "bubble" economy in the late 1980s, when easy credit propeled land and stock prices sky-high. Japan's recent ecosqueezed out 853 billion yen in nomic stagnation has pushed

many of the borrowers into bankruptcy.

The latest data support the contention of the Bank of Japan that loan problems, which had raised concern about the stability of the banking system in recent years, had peaked.

Analysts cited low demand for loans, a squeeze on interest spreads and substantial bad loan write-offs as the main causes of the profit declines and predicted they would continue for several years.

# **EU Broadcasters** Criticize Plan To Revise Rules

By Tom Buerkle

nal Herald Tribune BRUSSELS --- A European Commission attempt to toughen limits on non-European television programming, long a source of trade tension with Washington, now has come under attack from the very European broadcasters and filmmakers that it was intended to

European media giants like Bertelsmann AG and Polygram NV have lobbied the commission vigorously in recent weeks to block draft legislation aimed at tightening the restrictions, arguing that it would deter the investment the industry needs to compete with major Hollywood studios and to develop multimedia products for the information superhighway.

"By having too-restrictive at-titudes, the European industry will not restructure itself," said Philippe Kern, who handles European Union affairs for Polygram, a Dutch music and film company. "We prefer a market-driven approach."

The European opposition has removed the element of trans-Atlantic confrontation that has dominated film and television policy since the United States and Europe clashed over the issue during world trade talks

at all," said Michael Bartholomew, spokesman for the Motion Picture Export Association of America in Brussels.

Europe's internal divisions are stark, with Germany joining possibly video on demand. Britain in trying to block any tightening of rules on non-Eu-(Bloomberg, AP) information superhighway by then we'll talk again."

cutting regulatory barriers, commission sources said.

The dissension has delayed the proposed legislation, which the commission initially hoped to unveil last week but which now may not be ready before

The furor was triggered last month by the circulation of draft legislation to amend a 1989 EU directive that required television broadcasters to fill their schedules with at least 51

percent European program-ming "where practicable."

That two-word qualification has enabled Britain to flout the quotas and allow satellite channels such as Ted Turner's TNT and Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB to beam their predominantly Hollywood fare into European

The draft by Joao de Deus Pinheiro, the commissioner for culture, would close that loophole. It also would eliminate talk and variety shows, which make up a large proportion of European programming, from the quota calculations.

Polygram, one of Europe's bigger filmmakers, considers those proposals "protectionist measures that in the long run are not going to help the European industry," Mr. Kern said.

What the industry needs are tax breaks, financing from the European Investment Bank and This is not an EU-U.S. issue solid copyright protection, he

The draft's most controversial measure would extend the legislation's reach to rapidly growing technologies such as satellite and

Regulators should keep their hands off new technologies "beropean TV content. Within the cause nobody really has an idea commission itself, Martin Ban- how multimedia will look in gemann, the commissioner for five years," said Ralf Bekeindustry, has argued that Bramkamp, a spokesman for tighter quotas would conflict Bertelsmann. His advice is simwith his effort to develop an ple: "Let things develop, and

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# Falling Stocks: Fed Is Not Worried

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By Keith Bradsher New York Times Service **TASHINGTON** — The steep fall in stock prices this week is not expected to prompt any policy review at the Federal Reserve Board, where officials have been surprised at the stock market's resilience until now.

While the Fed did not set out last week to bring down the stock market when it raised short-term interest rates by threequarters of a percentage point, its officials have not worried about such a prospect.

Fed officials are aware that falling stock prices hurt consumer confidence and make people feel poorer. Both effects can help the central bank in its goal of preventing the economy from growing so fast that shortages of raw materials and skilled workers develop, feeding inflation. "To the extent people have been buy-

ing cars and houses with gusto, this cools things off," said Lyle E. Gramley, a former governor of the Federal Reserve. The Dow Jones industrial average has fallen about 4 percent in the last five days of trading, while broader market indexes have dropped almost as much.

Many analysts have attributed the drop to a decision by money managers to shift assets from the stock market to the bond market. As the yields, on bonds increase, stocks become less attractive.

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, warned in Senate testimony in May that stock and bond prices might have risen to unsustainably

high levels by the beginning of this year because of the long drop in interest rates from 1989 through 1993.

"The resulting attractiveness of holding stocks and bonds was further en-

Falling stock prices make people feel poorer; but that can help the Fed prevent the economy from overheating.

hanced by a nearly unbroken stream of capital gains as long-term rates fell, which imparted the false impression that not only were returns on long-term investments quite high, but consistently so," he said at the time.

"The recovery of the stock market after the October 1987 crash, along with the successful fending off of any significant adverse consequences from that event, may also have contributed to investor complacency," he added.

The Fed did not change interest rates at the beginning of April, when long-term interest rates were soaring, stock and bond prices were tumbling and Wall Street traders were clamoting for another increase in short-term interest rates to reassure investors that the central bank would hold inflation under control. The Fed first raised short-term rates in

early February, by a quarter of a percentage point.

Mr. Greenspan waited until April 18, when financial markets had settled down, before raising rates by another quarter-point.

Even if the Fed wanted to help the stock market, it might not be able to do so, said David C. Munro, an economist at High-Frequency Economics, a consulting company based in New York. Further increases in short-term inter-

est rates would worsen investor fears of a possible recession, while any reversal of last week's increase might create an air of such uncertainty in policy that stocks and bonds might both fall, he said.

Preston Martin, who was the Fed's vice chairman from 1982 to 1986, said the central bank would not worry about the stock market unless the recent downturn accelerated into a rout .

The Fed was sufficiently concerned about the possibility of market turmoil that its first three rate increases this year were limited to a quarter of a percentage "Many of us were concerned that a

large immediate move in rates would create too high a dose of uncertainty, which could destabilize the financial system, indirectly affecting the real econo-Mr. Greenspan said May 27.

The Fed stepped up its pace of raising interest rates with half-percentage point increases on May 17 and Aug. 16. And on Nov. 15, it raised rates three-quarters

# An Intel Chip That Could Flunk Division

By John Markoff

New York Times Service
SAN FRANCISCO — An elusive circuitry error is causing a chip used in millions of computers to generate inaccurate results in certain rare cases, heightening anxiety among many scientists and engineers who rely on their machines for precise calculations.

The flaw, an error in division, has been found in the Pentium. the current top microprocessor from Intel Corp., the world's largest chip maker.

The chip, in several different configurations, is used in many computers sold for home and business use, including those made by International Business Machines Co., Compaq Computer Corp., Dell Computer Corp, Gateway 2000 and oth-

The flaw appears in all Pentium chips now on the market, in certain types of division problems involving more than five significant digits, a mathematical term that can include numbers before and after a decimal point.

Intel declined to say how many Pentium chips it had made or sold, but Dataquest Inc., a market research company in San Jose, California, estimated that in 1994 Intel would sell about 6 million Pentiums, about 10 percent of the number of personal computers sold worldwide. Intel said it did not believe

the chip needed to be recalled, the error would only occur in researcher who learned of the asserting that the typical user extremely rare instances. would have but one chance in more than 9 billion of encountering an inaccurate result as a ment," he said. "They are based

consequence of the error. versity of California at Berke- ity we don't know." ley, a specialist on computer mathematics, expressed skepti- oratory in Pasadena, Califorcism about Intel's assertion that

on assertions about the proba-William Kahan of the Uni- bility of events whose probabil-

At the Jet Propulsion Labnia, a satellite communications

error this week said six Pentium "These kinds of statistics machines had been used in his group but that their use had

been suspended. The Pentium appeared as a cost-effective means to do the kind of analytical computing that scientists and engineers

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# **Free-Market Winners and Losers**

#### Russia's Rich Get Richer

MOSCOW — The gap between rich and poor in Russia is widening, according to an official survey of incomes published Thurs-

day.

The average income of the wealthiest 10 percent was 12.3 times that of the poorest in September and October, the government's center for economic analysis said.

Real average income rose 18.5 percent in the first 10 months of 1994, the report said. Prices rose 140 percent in the same period, it said. In October, as inflation picked up to a monthly 15 percent, from 8 percent in September, real incomes dropped 2.4 percent. Despite the growth in incomes over 10

months, 32 million people now are living below the official subsistence level of 106,200 rubles (\$33) a month, the report said.

#### New Disparity in Beijing

BEIJING - Market reforms have widened the income gap between the rich and poor in Beijing by nearly a third so far this year, the official Xinhua press agency reported Thurs-

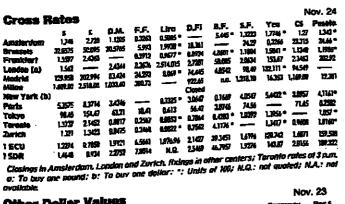
According to a survey by the Beijing Statisti-cal Bureau, quoted by the agency, the average per-capita annual income of the richest fifth of the capital's residents this year will be 6,024 yuan (\$707), three times the poorest fifth's average salary of 1,931 yuan.

The difference between the two income averages has grown by 30 percent from last year,

On the whole, however, incomes are rising in the capital. The survey showed average percapita income had risen 15.3 percent during the first nine months from a year earlier.

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#### **European Stocks** Rally as the U.S. Takes a Holiday Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

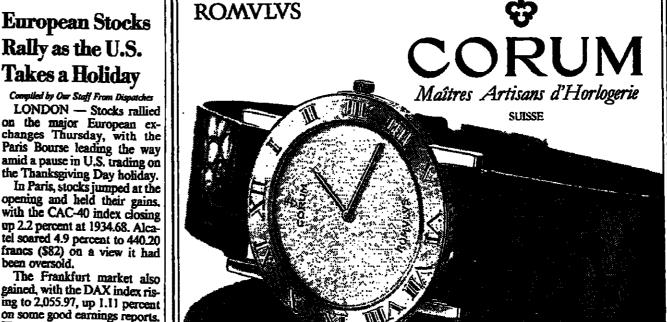
LONDON - Stocks rallied on the major European exchanges Thursday, with the Paris Bourse leading the way amid a pause in U.S. trading on the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

In Paris, stocks jumped at the opening and held their gains, with the CAC-40 index closing up 2.2 percent at 1934.68. Alcatel soared 4.9 percent to 440.20 francs (\$82) on a view it had been oversold. The Frankfurt market also

ing to 2,055.97, up 1.11 percent on some good earnings reports. Thyssen was up 6 DM to 284 DM (\$182). In London, the FT-SE 100share index rose 0.29 percent, to 3.036.60. But trading was light,

and dealers said sentiment re-

thes: Zurich and Hew York speakes and clos- mained fragile. (Knight-Ridder, AFP)



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# France Takes **Another Step** From Recession

PARIS — The French economy grew more slowly during the third quarter than in the previous two, but the country continued to climb out of its deepest recession since World War II. government figures released Thursday showed.

Gross domestic product grew 0.7 percent between July and September, the national statistics office INSEE said. The economy grew a revised 1.1 percent in the second quarter and 0.8 percent in the first quarter.

The third-quarter performance, driven entirely by domestic demand, was in line with economists' forecasts. The government had already said the economy would slow somewhat after a buoyant summer.

Economists said that while growth might slow further in the fourth quarter, they were confident the economy would power ahead again in 1995.

"There's no danger of a double-dip recession," said David Keeble, an economist with IBJ International. "We see GDP growth of 2.1 percent for 1994, rising quite rapidly to 3.4 in 1995."

The government, counting on strong growth to help cut record unemployment of 12.7 percent before presidential elections next spring, dismissed any possible slowdown as temporary.

The economy was "on a strong growth path" and would grow at least 2.3 percent in 1994 even if the final quarter showed zero growth, an Economy Ministry official said, adding that zero growth was unlikely.

Internal demand remained strong in the third quarter, ris-ing 0.9 percent after a 1.1 percent rise in the second quarter.

But more signs that the economy was slowing came from separate data showing household spending on manufactured goods in October falling 2.5 percent after a rise of 0.1 percent in September.

Darren Williams, an analyst with Merrill Lynch & Co., said the spending data highlighted the "still fragile nature of the French recovery and in particular the consumer sector.

■ Competition Topic for EU European Union leaders must use their summit meeting next month in Essen, Germany, to speed up structural reforms and increase competitiveness with the rest of the world, EU industrialists said in Brussels.

The European Round Table. group of 40 leaders of the biggest companies in the 12nation Union, called for costcutting across a wide spectrum, including energy, transportation, telecommunications and

# Kiev Takes Free-Market Pledge

#### Pragmatic Ukraine Leader Sees 'No Other Choice'

By Peter Passell New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Leonid Kuchma, president of Ukraine since July, made the rounds this week to try to persuade Americans to come to the aid of his country.

To almost no one's surprise, the blunt, poised politician - once the manager of the Soviet Union's premier nuclear missile factory — argued that Ukrainians were finally ready to take the plunge to free markets.

We have no other choice," Mr.

What may be surprising is that a lot of analysts, despite their experience with unfulfilled promises by post-Soviet re-formers, take his words seriously. Indeed, among Western advocates of rapid conversion to a market economy in the ex-Soviet republics, enthusiasm for Mr. Kuchma's plan borders on the unbri-

"Ukraine," said John Mroz, director of the Institute for East-West Studies in New York, "could be the economic success story of 1995."

Before 1991, all lines of authority ran directly from Ukraine's bloated state enterprises to ministries in Moscow. That left the newly independent country of 52 million people without experience in

managing the budget or the economy.

Even worse, said David Snelbacker, associate director of the Project on Economic Reform in Ukraine at the Kennedy School at Harvard University, the country could not draw on the "collective memory of capitalism" that the

Poles and the Czechs had. Still, when the Soviet empire collapsed, Ukraine seemed to have a reasonable shot at success. Like Russia, it was endowed with natural resources and an educated work force. Unlike Russia, it had a decent transportation system and did not need to resort to police-state

tactics to keep the peace internally. Anything that could have gone wrong, though, did. The first nationalist government, led by Leonid M. Kravchuk, "was more interested in politics than policy."
Mr. Snelbacker said.

Mr. Kravchuk propped up obsolete industries, ran gigantic deficits to sup-port social spending and financed im-

'Ukraine could be the economic success story of

John Mroz, director of the Institute for East-West Studies

ports - notably natural gas - with oans from other former Soviet republics. The result was hyperinflation and a collapse in production. The World Bank estimates that prices doubled in 1991,

rose 15-fold in 1992 and 41-fold in 1993, Anders Aslund, a Swedish economist at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington and an adviser to the new government, says he believes national output has fallen by

half since 1991. As Mr. Mroz baldly puts it: "Ukraine was desperate for change, on the verge of economic and political collapse."

And change is what it is about to get. At first, Mr. Kuchma hardly seemed the sort to break the crucible. He was after all a man, in Mr. Mroz's words, from "the pinnacle of the military-industrial complex." But Westerners underestimated his pragmatism and political skill.

Apparently with little direct knowledge of economics, Mr. Kuchma surrounded himself with competent technocrats. Equally important, he alternately

bullied and flattered the parliamentary opposition into submission.

Mr. Kuchma's economic policies look like an amalgam of the shock therapy imposed in Poland in 1990 and the rapid privatization under way in Russia. Prices have been decontrolled.

And thanks to the quiet resistance of the central bank in the waning months of the Kravchuk administration, inflation is down to a level that is almost tolerable.

The next steps are more ambitious. One goal is to curb industrial credit. allowing nonmonopoly enterprises to profit from deregulation so that markets can determine the survivors.

Another is to phase out the budget deficit, largely by eliminating subsidies. Still another is to raise domestic energy prices and eliminate barriers to exports. All these measures are to be buttressed by privatization financed by vouchers. Mr. Aslund, who has seen equally

grand plans scaled back in Russia is nonetheless optimistic about Ukraine's dash for capitalism. For one thing, he argues, the collapse of obsolete industry has virtually run its course. For another. the "social fabric is pretty much intact."

The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank stand prepared to finance a good portion of the stabilization effort.

What is unclear, however, is whether the rich industrialized countries will do their part: Neither the United States nor the European Union seems inclined to lend more than token sums for the effort.

Mr. Kuchma, who recently rammed through legislation confirming the promise by Ukraine to dismantle its strategic nuclear weapons, makes no secret of his frustration. This may be the last chance for a long time, he suggests, to create a prosperous Ukraine that can anchor stability in Eastern Europe.

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 Britain plans to privatize Railtrack, which owns and operates the rail infrastructure, by April 1997, in what will be one of the country's largest-ever stock offerings, the transport secretary said. • Porsche AG said higher sales narrowed its loss for the year ended July 31 by 37 percent, to 150 million Deutsche marks (\$97 million). Volkswagen AG said it would offer early retirement to about 2,000 workers by year-end.

 Allied Domeco PLC, a British food and drinks company. reported a 16 percent jump, to £310 million (\$487 million), in pretax profit for the 28 weeks to mid-September, under new accountancy procedures.

 Mo och Domsjoe AB, a Swedish paper producer, said it returned to profitability in the first nine months of the year because sales and paper prices increased and costs were tightly controlled. Pretax profit was 1.01 bilion kronor (\$137 million).

• Pierre Guichet, the chairman of the French telecommunications firm Alcatel CIT SA, will stay in jail until the end of month while an investigation into charges of overbilling France Telecom SA is completed, a spokesman said.

• Henkel KGaA, a German chemical company, said higher investment income and lower costs raised pretax profit 15 percent, to 485 million DM, in the first nine months from a year earlier.

· Hoechst AG and Bayer AG, German chemical industry rivals. have agreed to pool their textile dyestuff operations in a 50-50 joint venture expected to have sales of 2 billion DM.

#### **Dollar Steady** As Pound Falls

Bloomberg Business News LONDON -- The dollar was little changed in Europe Thursday in light trading on the American Thanksgiving holiday.

The pound, which ended at \$1.5619, also was quoted against the Deutsche mark at 2.4316 DM, its lowest since Oct. 21.

The dollar closed at 1.5585 DM. little changed from 1.5574 DM early in the session, and at 98.43

#### CHIP: An Intel Microprocessor Has a Math Problem TOKYO: Analysts Are in Demand

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do," said David Bell, the researcher, "But when we hear and see that there are problems, that puts a question mark on the results."

In addition to its growing role in PCs, the Pentium chip is used in a number of larger computers that harness individual chips to work in tandem, creating supercomputer power. This technique, known as parallel processing, is used in weather forecasting, automotive and airplane design, and molecular engineering.

to its attention in June and was covering the error.

corrected then, at the design stage. That change took some time to make its way through the chip production process, and Intel has only recently begun providing its largest cus-tomers with the revised chips,

the company said. Intel acknowledged that the flaw could affect scientific and engineering users in rare cases. Stephen L. Smith, the compaengineering manager for the Pentium, said discussions were under way with scientists and engineers.

Some computer users said they believed that Intel had not Intel said the problem came acted quickly enough after dis-

"Intel has known about this since the summer; why didn't they tell anyone?" asked Andrew Schulman, the author of a series of technical books on PCs.

The company said that after it discovered the problem this summer, it ran months of simulations of different applications, with the help of outside experts, to determine whether the problem was serious. The error was made public

this month after Thomas Nicely, a mathematics professor at Lynchburg College in Virginia, sent an electronic-mail message to several colleagues, asking them to check their machines for the error.

of a research staff to function as

"I don't have so much concern about the numbers of people who come through here as the quality of the people we have," he said.

age concerns here, however, Jardine Fleming has chosen to hire relatively young, less expensive but promising analysts and train them for a couple of years. The only alternatives are to bring in people from over-

Amsterdam

#### Continued from Page 13 "Unfortunately, we've be-

come the training ground for ries could undermine the ability the American companies." said Mario Malt. branch manager for Kleinwort Benson.

The bidding war has arisen just as foreign investment in Tokyo stocks, active earlier in the year, has been waning. The Nikkei stock index is treading Like other European brokerwater at just less than half the peak it hit in December 1989.

low the level most houses need to cover fixed costs. Revenues have declined so far that some brokers, including seas, who usually cannot speak W.I. Carr, County Natwest and or read Japanese, or to snap up Kidder, Peabody & Co., have established players at great ex- withdrawn from equities tradpense and hope they continue ing in Tokyo over the past two

# **BASF 3d-Period Profit Soars**

day its third-quarter pretax profit more than quadrupled, to cut jobs and costs to improve its outlook. rise in pretax profit to more than 1.6 billion DM. In 1993.

its outlook. BASF said profit rose to 526 the company earned 1.06 bilmillion Deutsche marks (\$340 lion DM.

For the first nine months, LUDWIGSHAFEN, Ger- pretax profit rose to 1.2 billion many — BASF AG said Thurs- DM from 607 million DM. Jürgen Strube, chairman of the management board, said but the company said it needed that for the year, he expected a

million) from 124 million DM BASF stock rose 7.10 DM to 309.70.

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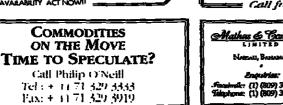
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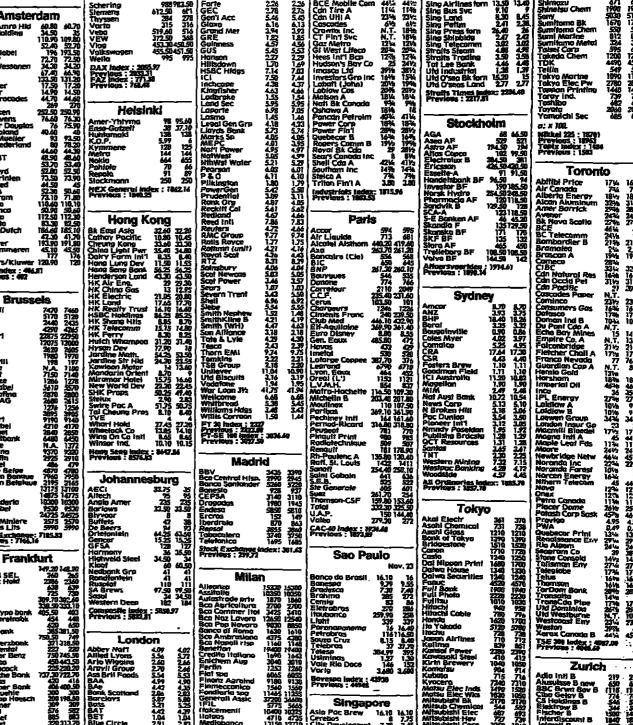
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# Tokyo Money Heads for Bonds

TOKYO — Investors running for cover from sliding Japanese share prices are seeking refuge in the stability of government bonds. Some analysts said Thursday that

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Bond prices here have risen by about 1 percent in the last

this could be the start of a

three trading days.

The bond market is being given a renewed lease on life on the perception that funds will flow from stocks to bonds," said Cameron Umetsu, an analyst at UBS Securities Ltd.

Traders said persistently weak stocks would tempt Japan's institutional investors especially life insurers — to shift to bonds. And analysts said volatility in the world's currency markets was likely to keep that money in Japan.

"Japanese investors, particularly insurance companies, have become increasingly concerned about currency risk," Marshall Gittler of Merrill Lynch said.

if that prompts Japanese life insurers to put some of their 160 trillion yen (\$1.63 trillion) into domestic government bonds, the market could see a sustained lift, analysts

Many analysts agreed that a 3 percent fall in the Nikkei Stock Average this week had ignited the bond rally. Some said moderate economic growth and nearly steady consumer prices meant higher bond prices could continue for the next three months.

"With a feeble economic re- September after rising 7.1 percovery and no fears of infla- cent in August.

**Asia Markets Turn Calm** 

HONG KONG - Calm returned to Asia's markets Thursday after two days of heavy selling, but domestic worries kept

Tokyo, Taipei and Seoul under pressure. The outlook for the region's bourses remained bearish on fears that higher interest rates would weaken the U.S. economy, despite indications of confidence returning to Wall

Street, which fell only 3.36 points Wednesday.

Bargain-hunters made the most of the two-day sell-off, with Hong Kong, Bangkok, Manila and Singapore trading higher and Sydney making the strongest gain of the day.

Tokyo, which was closed Wednesday for a holiday, was one

of the worst performing markets Thursday. The Nikkei Stock Average of 225 selected issues dropped 262 points, or 1.4 percent, to 18,701, in sympathy with the plunge in U.S. stock markets this week.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index gained 71.83 points, or 0.8 percent, to close at 8,647.86, supported by strong gains in utility stocks and by the steady performance of U.S. equities on Wednesday.

In Singapore, the blue-chip Straits Times Industrials index gained 18.59 points to 2,236.40, with dealers saying some confidence was returning to the market. (AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

tion," said Andrew Shipley, an economist at Lehman Brothers, "there's a lot of support for bonds." Slow department-store sales and household consumption point to a weak recovery, he added. Departmentstore sales fell 4.5 percent in October from a year earlier.

Mild economic growth helps bonds by reassuring investors their fixed returns will not be eroded by inflation. Economists said business investment patterns indicated the economy was rolling forward in fits and starts. For example, machinery orders rose 0.7 percent on the year in

"When investment is weak, the momentum of economic recovery is weak," said You shito Sakakibara, an economist at Salomon Brothers

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Two weeks ago, the yield on the 10-year Japanese government bond No. 164 jumped as high as 4.75 percent. Mr. pley of Lehman brothers said that was too high. Bond yields rise when prices fall.

There has been no danger of inflation in Japan this year, so "the bond market was simply overreacting — traders were moving in tandem with traders elsewhere, even though the domestic situation here is quite different," he

said. On Thursday, the No. 164 bond was yielding 4.61

In the United States, concern about rising prices has pervaded the bond market. even though the inflation rate in the first nine months of 1994 was only one-tenth of a percentage point higher than the 2.7 percent rate for all of last year.

In Japan, Mr. Shipley said, inflation may well be on the way down. There is no sign on the consumer front that companies can hike prices," he said. "In fact, if anything, discounting is more and more

As long as "deflationary pressures remain quite strong" in Japan, "real interest rates remain at broadly comparable levels" to those of the United States. The Japanese consumer price index rose just 0.2 percent on the year in September.

■ Yields Rise in Seoul

Three-year corporate bond yields in South Korea are hovering around the year's high of 13.85 percent as Seoul's booming bourse draws funds from the bond market, Reu-

ters reported from Seoul.

Lee Yang Gi, general manager of Lucky Securities Co., said bond yields were rising because "investors are far more interested in the booming stock market than the unstable debt market."

Although the Seoul stock market has fallen along with other markets this week - the Composite Index ended down 10.80 points Thursday at 1,085.16—it has risen 25 per-

# In Many Other Markets, Too, Equities Fall From Favor

HONG KONG - Investors have been shifting into money market funds from Asian equity funds in the past few days, Jardine Fleming Unit Trusts Ltd., the largest unit trust company here, said Thursday.

The switching follows a drop in Asian

stock prices this week and a rise in U.S. and Hong Kong interest rates.

"People are switching from regional equity funds into money funds," said Penelope Hill, a spokeswoman for Jardine Fleming. A unit trust operates like a mutual fund.

suffering from net redemptions. Some funds were facing redemptions, but they were being matched by new investment, Ms. Hill said. "We are not losing funds," she said. The company did not specify

the size of the money flows. She said Jardine Fleming, which is jointly owned by Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. and Robert Fleming Holdings Inc., was advising investors concerned about falling equity markets that switching into money market funds was an alternative.

Ms. Hill said the number of transac-

But she said the company was not tions the company was handling had risen about 50 percent in the past few days, and that most of those involved switching of funds between investment

> The most popular money fund was the JF Money Fund, a dollar fund, which earned 5.21 percent over the past year through investments in U.S. money market instruments, she said. But even that did not give Hong Kong investors a posi-tive real, or inflation-adjusted return, given an inflation rate of between 7.9 percent and 10.5 percent, depending on which price index is used as a reference.

# **Beijing Widens** STAR-TV's Access

Asian satellite network, eigners and Chinese people livstrengthened its presence in Ching in special housing na on Thursday when officials compounds, although they also approved limited distribution of

certain segments of the population to apply for licenses and decoders needed to watch STAR-TV's Satellite Movie

This will be the first time a scrambled satellite television signal originating overseas has been offered to subscribers in China.

One Chinese company has been given a franchise to distribute licenses and sell de-scramblers for the mainly Chinese-language movie channel, which offers "one-stop" approvals for hotels and housing estates seeking the pay service, a broadcast executive said.

BELIING - STAR-TV, the eign tourists in hotels and forapply to some hotels patronized

> and is based in Hong Kong.
> STAR-TV broadcasts four channels in English or Chinese in northern Asia in addition to the movie channel, whose signal is encrypted.

the franchise," said a foreigner active in the television market. China has banned ordinary citizens from receiving foreign satellite programs. But STAR-TV's four free-to-air channels have gained huge audiences, who defy the ban with rooftop

Hang Seng its movie channel in Beijing mainly by Chinese people.

Broadcast authorities said rules had been issued allowing Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. 
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Murata Manufacturing Co. will invest \$124 million to build a factory in Singapore that will produce ceramic chip capacitors.

Murata is one of the largest electronics parts makers in the world, • Mitsubishi Electric Corp. said high demand for semiconductors. helped consolidated pretax profit rise 36 percent, to 48.4 billion yen (\$492 million), in the half-year ended in September. Sales rose 4 percent to 1.53 trillion ven.

• The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association said domestic vehicle production rose 0.4 percent in October from a year earlier, the first rise in 25 months; motorcycle production fell 9 percent.

 Motorola Inc. said its high-speed FLEX paging system had been adopted by the Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications as the basis for the next paging standard in Japan.

• ITC Ltd., India's largest tobacco company, said it planned a diversification into food and power sectors. The company hopes to achieve revenue of \$6 billion by the turn of the century.

 The Telecommunications Council, an advisory body to Japan's posts and telecommunications minister, approved cuts in charges for cellular telephone services. Basic monthly telephone fees will be cut by 11 percent. AFP, AP, Bloomberg, Renters

#### Seoul's Growth Running at 7.5%

The Associated Press SEOUL - South Korea's economy, propelled by brisk capital investment and consumer spending grew at an annual rate of 7.5 percent in this year's third quarter, the Bank of Korea said Thursday.

The growth was slower than the 8.9 percent annualized rate in the first quarter. Gross national product grew at a 7.8 percent rate in the second quar-

But bank officials said South Korea's "healthy" economic growth that started early in 1994 would continue this year. Capital investment rose 23 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier.

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The meeting will have the following agenda: 1) Election of a Chairman of the Meeting 2) Election of a Secretary to the Meeting

3) The Directors'/Managers' report 4) Presentation of the accounts to 30th June 1994 with the auditors' report

Discharge to the Directors and the Managers 6) Election of Directors

7) Discharge to the Auditors 8) Election of the Auditors

9) Approval of the remuneration of the Directors and the Auditors

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#### **Insurer Turns Toward China**

HONG KONG - National Mutual Asia Ltd. said Thursday it would stake its future on the potentially lucrative Chinese insurance market. The insurer, which also reported a 36 percent jump in net profit

for the year, said it had signed an agreement to sell a 5 percent stake to a Chinese-controlled company, China Everbright-IHD Pacific Ltd., for 555 million Hong Kong dollars (\$72 million). The company hopes the agreement will provide a key to China's life-insurance market, said Sir David Akers-Jones, National Mu-

tual Asia's chairman. At present, only two foreign insurers, American International Group Inc. and Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Co., have licenses to write policies in China.

As part of the transaction, National Mutual Bermuda Ltd., the holding company for National Mutual Asia, will buy an 8.7 percent stake in China Everbright-IHD for 168 million dollars. China Everbright-IHD is 59 percent-owned by China Everbright Holdings, which is controlled by the Chinese government.

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Wednesday 14th December, 1994 at 14 hours for the purpose of considering the following Agenda:

- 1. To receive and adopt the Management Report of the Directors for the year to 30th September, 1994. 2. To receive and adopt the Report of the Andinor for the year to 30th Sepa
- 3. To receive and adopt the Ammal Accounts as at 30th September, 1994.
- 4. To appropriate the earnings. 5. To grant discharge to the Directors in respect of the ext
- 6. To receive and act on the statutory nomination for elec-
- term of one year. 7. To transact any other business.

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#### INVITATION TO TENDER

THE GREEK PUBLIC ESTATE CORPORATION,

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The Hotel building comprises 288 rooms (538 beds) and it is situated on a 14.500m² parcel of land by M. Alexandrou Ave. (coastal promenade) in the City of Thessaloniki.

Eligibility

The following categories of firms are eligible to compete.

11. Hotel firms which have been engaged in Hotel business

(4 or 5 star Hotels) for at least three years. 12. Joint Venture Hotel Enterprises which have been exclusively involved in Hotel business.

At least one of the associate firms must satisfy the conditions

outlined in 1.1. above. 1:3. Firms, individuals or associates, participating in joint venture firms, which are at the moment in legal battle procceedings

against the owners of the Hotel (TAP-OTE) are not eligible to take part in the competition. All competing parties must submit an application form and

certified copy documents to the authorised Auction Committee. All documents must be completed/translated in the Greek language. The auction will take place in the City of Thessaloniki inside MACEDONIA PALACE Hotel premises on 18 JANUARY 1995

from 09.00 hours to 14.00 hours. 4.1. First year rent: First year rent is fixed at the sum of one billion drachmas (GRD 1.000.000.000) and will be paid upon the

signing of lease contract. 4.2. <u>Second year rent:</u> Commencing rent for the second year of the lease period is fixed in the amount of GRD. 600.000.000. Each offer submitted in writing must be fixed at least 5% above this said commencing rent. The amount to be determined at the conclusion of the written or oral auction procedure will be the second year's rent.

4.3. The above mentioned second year rent will be reviewed annually on R.P.I. basis, until the end of the lease period. 5.1. The highest bidder at his own expense must undertake the

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Recent studies have shown that huge investments are more often announced than actually carried out, and, even when they are implemented, often do not succeed as well as predicted.

City planners traditionally concentrate on building up one or two glamorous indus-

tries - current favorites are

microelectronics or communications systems - rather

than encouraging a broad range of activities.

Broad range of businesses Hamburg's municipal Wirtschaftsbehörde (Eco-

nomic Authority) and HWF

(Hamburgische Gesellschaft für Wintschaftsförderung, or economic development cor-

poration) have taken a radically different approach. ments," explains Thomas Erich, senior investment counselor at HWF. "These investments generally repre-sented an upgrading of exist-ing facilities by electronics producers, skilled trade and technical services firms, and media and medical opera-As sources of investment,

Step-two investment

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certain countries - including Japan and the United States - are prized by business development corporations, which tend to focus on them

to the exclusion of others.
Not HWF. "While we've
been successful in facilitating Japanese and American investment in our city-state, these are just two of the many countries at which we've targeted our efforts," says Mr. Düdden.

This policy has helped to make Hamburg Germany's most disparate international business community, with a particularly strong and fastgrowing presence in Asia. In 1994, some 87 non-German companies set up shop in the city-state, very near 1992-93's record totals.

To date, Hamburg has 3,000 non-German companies, including such sizable "new Asian" contingents as those from Indonesia, Korea, Hong Kong and - leading the pack - the Peoples Republic of China, along with a large influx of companies from Central and Eastern Europe.

Port-driven expansion
To be fair, this diversity has They have set their sights on attracting a broad range of not entirely been a result of concerted, deliberate ac-tions. It is something of a by-product arising from the city's unique givens," Mr. Dudden says. "This diversity has, in fact, been 'port-driven'." One-tenth of Germany's trade with the rest of the world (and Germany is the world's second-largest trading nation) passes through Hamburg, most of it through the port.

The port's position of pri-macy in Germany's international trade has been further consolidated over the past few years. In 1993, the port's throughput of 65.9 million tons set yet another record. The port registered a 12.3 percent gain, also a

record, in container traffic. This trend is gathering strength in 1994. For the first half of the year, Hamburg's 14.5 percent-plus in throughput amounted to a gain of 4.2 million tons, representing just under half of the entire country's increase during the period. Main sources of growth: container trade with China and Russia,

according to trade reports.
With all this global trade, it is not surprising that the Port of Hamburg has served as many international trading companies' point of arrival in the city. For practical reasons, many of these companies have then upgraded their operations into sales offices, assembly plants and fi-nally production facilities. "You can almost trace this progress in terms of distance from the quays and the Frei-hafen [the city's free port] it-self," says Mr. Düdden, adding: "with our 'long-time foreigners' now being located in our belt of technology and business parks on the

RESEARCH: HIGH TECH AND HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE LABS

State-of-the-art centers are used by many companies.

They are used for only a fraction of each working day, and many systems remain idle for hours, even weeks. It is not surprising that the Deutsche Elektronen-Synchrotronstrahlung (Desy for short) has been pioneering a "rent-a-lab" approach in Germany during

the last year.

Industrial companies are offered the use of Desy's Hasylab (short for Hamburg Synchrotron Laboratory) when it is not in use by staff researchers. Instead of flat payments, the corporate users are asked to provide funding support for the lab's operations. The idea of sharing lab space and costs has proven extremely popular. Wacker-Chemie, Germany's largest producer of chip-grade silicon, has en-

tered into an extensive

producer of power plant "scrubbers."

In 1993, 180 research institutes located in 20 countries used Hasylab, which was founded in 1979, some 15 years after Desy itself was set up. Today, Desy an-chors an R&D community comprising 235 research and technology transfer insti-tutes of all kinds. The Deutsches Kli-

marechenzentrum (DKRZ, German center for computer-based research into the environment) is one of these institutes. Using the most powerful computer in Germany, the DKRZ coordinates the research work and operations of a pan-European climate-monitoring network. It will soon upgrade its work to enable it to issue the Continent's most detailed weather forecasts.

Research facilities are expensive to build and to run. working arrangement to use Hasylab, as has a Danish

businesses from a broad range of countries. Most importantly, they have taken a realistic. step-by-step approach to the investment process itself. "Most successful investments start out very small, as a sales office or as a one-person company, and then work up to being major produc-tion and trading operations," says Dietmar Düdden, HWF's managing director, adding: This is especially

> fore committing huge amounts of resources." The overall result of the city-state's approach seems to have been a recessionproof local economy. Over the last five years, Hamburg has been Germany's fastestgrowing state, even managing to scrape through the recession, called the country's worst in the last five decades, with a minimal 0.3 percent downturn in annual rate of GDP. This year, in a vigorous turnaround, the city-state is set to record a 2.7 percent GDP growth.

true of foreign investors.

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ters of their new markets be-

Heavy Investment Hamburg has local industries in 11 major economic sectors (each employing more than 10,000 people), including media, software, finance houses, construction, and even the chemical and

electronics industries.

Another yield from HWF's policy has been heavy amounts of investment. The more than I billion Deutsche marks recorded in long-term capital allocations in the 1994 financial year (ending August 31) by the city-state's private sector

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Hamburg's shopping arcades such as the one in the Hanseviertei (top left),

attract strollers; within

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the city's heart is the

lively international

port (below), whose

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Expansion stems from development of events and services abroad.

he label "trade-fair authority" does not even begin to describe the work of such organizations as Hamburg

Messe und Congress GmbH. Hamburg Messe does, of course, still hold trade fairs; events scheduled for 1995 are to begin with REISEN Hamburg (travel market) in February and end with Hanse-Börse '95 (fossils, rocks and the like) in December. By carefully tailoring its events to fit markets and demand, Hamburg Messe is successful in its original trade-fair function. In fact, Hamburg Messe's three major autumn events of ignorance, but rather that in 1994 set all-time individual records for visitor and exhibitor attendance.

The associated congresses, workshops and "information" displays staged in con-junction with each of these events are also setting records and greatly expanding the organization's tradetair functions. In this regard. Hamburg Messe is by no means unique.

"All of Germany's tradefair authorities are now living more from the quality of market information disseminated through the fair than the quantity of goods dis-played at them," points out Professor Franz Zeithammer, president of Hamburg Messe.

The bulk of the recent expansion undertaken by Germany's trade-fair authorities has stemmed from the development of events and services abroad, specifically in Asia and Central and East-

In the Peoples' Republic of China, for instance, Hamburg Messe supplied the ideas and the know-how to China's "Portex," the harbor technologies event launched in 1987 and to be held for the fourth time in Shanghai in early December. Hamburg Messe has also successfully created events in

St. Petersburg and Prague. Perhaps the unwieldy "international trade-fair organizer and market developer" is the appropriate job description for the organization. Even this, however. does not encompass a whole sector of its activities, particularly concerning Asian

markets. Asia, until very recently, has been very much the unknown continent for most of Germany's business community, despite the many high-budget projects carried out there by German companies and the ever-rising volume of trade conducted by German companies in the tech U.S. compa

Knowledge of Asian markets has been limited in fascinating phenom-Hamburg, too, even though the city probably knows Asia better than most European cities do. The city's import-exporters had a total trading volume of 17 billion Deutsche marks (\$10.9 billion) with Asian customers in 1993, up around 4 percent over 1992. And a growing number of Asian companies - around 400 - have established themselves in Ham-

burg.
"It's not at all a question
"ather that there's an increasing amount to know," says Mr. Zeithammer, adding: "Each year, thousands of new companies are founded in Asia. Like their predecessors, they quickly progress from being single-family operations to major producers and distributors. This rise to the top is also taking place on the regional level. Today, there are 20 individual areas in China that form internationally sized markets, as opposed to only four or five several years ago.

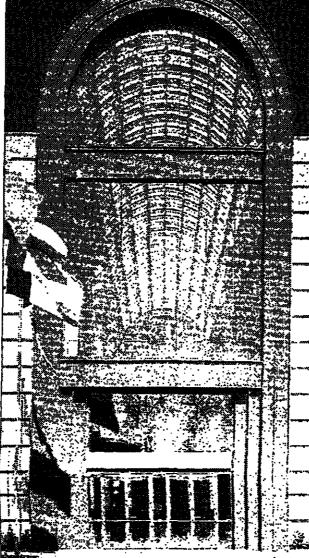
Hence the proliferation of product exhibitions, which provide compact, comprehensive introductions to regions, their companies and industrial sectors. For identical reasons, these exhibitions are popular in Central and Eastern Europe. where a whole new generation of companies has been founded and is now rapidly maturing."

Messe has staged both trade fairs and product exhibitions with and for its Asian partners, either as "stand-alone" events or as part of its international fairs, in both Hamburg and abroad.

In 1994, in addition to its event in Shanghai, the au-thority held China Products Expo '94, SHANGTEC and Asia Expo in Hamburg; Hamburg Messe's SMM (Shipbuilding, Machinery and Marine Technology Exhibition and Conference) also featured a Chinese pres-

Fast-developing industrial and geographic sectors are by no means the exclusive eserve of Asia or Eastern Europe. America is still the land of most "breakthrough" activities, with today's Silicon Valleys located everywhere from the Northwest to North Carolina. And the Hamburg trade-fair authority sees a major role for itself in conjunction with high-

'That's another enon -- the ability of the American economy to repeatedly produce yet another crop o



Hamburg's trade-fair facilities house many international shows

high-tech companies." says Mr. Zeithammer.

"As these companies are very long on potential but very short on international exposure, distribution systems and contacts. Europe's trade fairs are obviously an appropriate platform for their first steps on the world

To serve these companies, Hamburg Messe has set up a representative office in the United States.

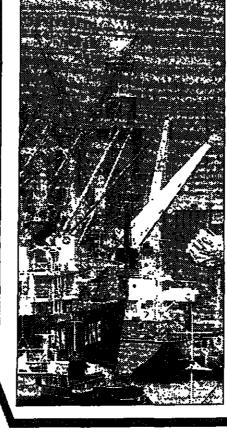
Hamburg Mess has only 90,000 square meters of covered floor space, small by German standards and for an organization with such an international range of activities, ranked in the top 20 of the world's tradefair authorities.

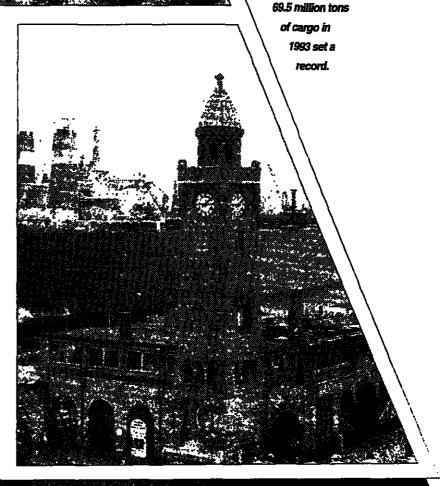
"i see a relation between our compactness and our willingness to take on new niches and new markets," Mr. Zeithammer says. "Massive facilities require massive events to fill them on a regular basis, predetermining their authorities' course of actions. We let the

up and sites of actions." But what about a more accurate label for the kind of activities Hamburg Messe organizes? One suggestion: International Market Information Events.

markets determine our line-

Sounds a bit like a highlevel seminar or briefing, but it's not bad." Mr. Zeithammer says diplomatical-ly, adding: "Market information is the fare of trade."





# CITY IS CULTURE LOVERS' DELIGHT

From scenic walks to theater, clubs and dawn markets, the city has something to offer 24 hours a day.

their cities into "oversized villages" and "world cities," of which there are two widely agreed-on examples in the country: Berlin and Hamburg. The criteria of assessment are simple: What time does the city close down and open up? The later a city's Kneipen (the equivalent of "clubs") stay open and the earlier you can breakfast, the more worldly the city is considered to be.

According to these criteria, Hamburg is as worldly as they come: The night blends into breakfast, which leads to the Fischmarkt (fish market) at around 5 A.M.

The Fischmarkt is strategically located on the Elbe river, across the water from Hamburg's harbor. West of the market is the source of its fish, the Altonaer Fischereihafen. Directly behind it is the St. Pauli quarter and its main drag, the Reeperbahn, until recently the exclusive preserve of pleasuredeprived sailors and thrillseeking tourists.

Breakfast at the market The market is a good vantage point from which to take in the dawn parade of stately ships making their way to the North Sea, around 100 kilometers

After a leisurely breakfast, it is time to head a few hundred meters to the east, to the array of futuristic buildings clustered between the Speicherstadt (islands lined with 19th-century brick and gabled warehouses) and Binnenalster lake.

These buildings, owned by the Gruner & Jahr. Spiegel Verlag, Zurich Insurance and the city's other attractive neighborhoods, inmedia and financial giants, cluding Rotherbaum, Har- the city's opera ensemble TV producer.

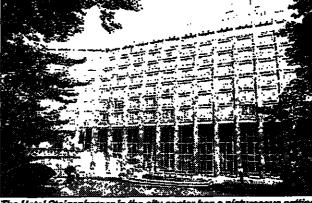
Termans tend to divide are at their best in the early morning, when the bustle of briskly striding commuters nicely counterpoints the abstract architecture of the buildings themselves.

At 10 A.M. it is time for the shopping areades. The first, Alsterarkaden, was built in the 19th century and was patterned after those in Brussels, Paris and Milan. There are now a dozen of these attractive, high-priced inner-city malls, each more opulent than its predecessors. The most recent - and most extravagant - is the Alsterpavilion.

After lunch in one of the dozens of good restaurants in the lively Hanseviertel pedestrian zone - preferably on an outside terrace, if Hamburg's notoriously unreliable weather permits - it is time to explore the city's museums. Nearly all are located in Victorian buildings, some of which were originally industrial facilities and warehouses, today magnificently restored to house both permanent and visiting collections.

Museum-hopping
"Our guests tend to start their museum-hopping in the Hamburger Kunsthalle." says Kathrin Barthold of Hamburg's Hotel Steigen-berger, "before proceeding to the Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe or to the Ernst Barlach house."

After so much food, architecture and culture, it is a good idea to take a late-afternoon walk or go for a boat ride on the stately Alster, a 182-hectare (450-acre) lake that serves as Hamburg's focal point and the nexus for many of its most ture can be spent at the



vestehude and Winterhude. and its ballet, headed by the

Featuring a "necklace" of ponds and streams, the city's downtown greenbelt stretches in a semicircle from the Landungsbrücken (best known as the cruise ship docking pier) on the Elbe. In the past, there were fortified walls and moats here, and now the semicircle houses the city's trade-fair grounds and the Planten und Blomen botanical gardens before meeting the southern tip of the Alster.

Another possibility is to head a few kilometers west and stroll along the north bank of the Elbe in the Blankenese neighborhood. One of Europe's most elegant, exclusive communities, Blankenese is beautifully landscaped and has a Mediterranean look.

Taking a boat ride along the Fleete is becoming more and more popular," says Ms. Barthold. She should know. The Hotel Steigenberger is situated on an "island" formed by these local versions of Venice's canals.

An evening of high cul-Staatsoper, which is home to

the control of the co

widely acclaimed John Neumeier. The Musikhalle is a stronghold of classical music. Classical theater (in often

very modernistic versions) is provided by the Deutsches chauspielhaus, Hamburger Kammerspiele and the Thalia Theater. The Thalia is generally considered the best "serious" avant-garde theater in Germany. The Kampnagelfabrik is a well known culture center.

Between the last curtain calls and the arrival of the first loads of fresh fish at the Fischmarkt is the time to spend a few hours in Hamburg's neighborhood clubs. whether the neighborhood is the young and professional Eppendorf, the recently gentrified, film-loving Altona or the Schanzenviertel, a meeting place for students and free spirits. An important update: "No one ever thought it would happen, but the Reeperbahn and such clubs as Docks, the Mojo Club and the Grosse Freiheit are where the 'scene' now congregates," says Tilman Westecker, Hamburg-based

# 'HAMBURG DISCOUNT' HELPS COMPANIES

Local industry cites Hamburg's international outlook.

est political entity in Europe. Hamburg is also home to supply of highly qualified Ono Versand, the world's largest mail-order company; Beiersdorf AG, the leading producer of cosmetics and consumer goods; Deutsche Unilever and some 1,460 other profit-minded produc-

Since high incomes generally mean high wages, and since those are the bane of profitability, the question arises: How do Hamburg's companies do it?

The answer lies in what local manufacturers refer to as the "Hamburg discount." Companies report that having facilities near Hamburg's port makes product shipping costs lower for them than elsewhere in Germany. Prices of fuel oils, which are refined in the city.

also lower. And the large personnel, international finance houses and other services also keeps down what economists refer to as "search costs."

Greater Hamburg is com-posed of the city itself and adjoining areas in the states of Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein, both with the lowest wage and property costs in Western Germany. In the city itself, redevelopment projects have created a "zone of availability and affordability" (as it was recently termed by a city business development official) ringing the downtown business

'Hamburg split' Many companies, including

Based on per capita in-come, Hamburg is the rich-come, Hamburg is the richhave set up what is referred to as the "Hamburg split," in which their central administrative offices and selected key operations (such as R&D or final finishing) are located downtown, while the rest of the company's operations, including spaceintensive manufacturing facilities, are set up in the broad expanses of Hamburg's periphery and in such suburban towns as Elmshorn or Norderstedt.

Thanks to these "splits," Schleswig-Holstein's portion of greater Hamburg has become the fastest-growing part of a fast-growing state. Such splits have been deliberately promoted by the operations, a complete recity-state's government. business development tered into by manufacturers.

agreements with Schleswig-Holstein. These have included the

staging of joint marketing campaigns and the pooling of site and services informa-

Integrated business area These splits stem from a simple fact: International companies view greater Hamburg as a single, integrated business area, as do greater Hamburg's various municipal and state govern-

This international outlook has caused Hamburg's manufacturing community to develop in interesting ways. Many of today's major manufacturers were once trading versal of the standard scewhich has concluded and nario, in which trading operimplemented extensive ations are the final area en-

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# **SPORTS**

# The View From Anne Boleyn's Window, Including the Bad Bounces

LONDON - I must admit to worrying that the game might be stuffy and self-

"Imagine this is a church wall in a French or English medieval town," said the organizer, Richard Adams, pointing to the indoor court below.

It's easy to imagine. Two men, dressed in modern whites, are playing real tennis in the same medieval courtyard. Of course its main features — the slanting roof, the jutting of walls — have been draped and plastered over. It is a tennis court with nooks and crannies and a net drooping to the specifications of the net hung inexactly across someone's lawn seven centuries ago.

Surrounding the court are several windows covered with netting, and points are awarded for hitting into some of them. In the corner, behind the left shoulder of the receiving player, is another such window,

known as the grille.

Before she got her head taken off, old
Anne Boleyn used to peek out through that window to watch Henry VIII playing." Adams said. "He was supposed to have

There were more than 700 real tennis courts in France before the revolution brought most of them down. Only three have survived, with 35 more in play around the world, most of them in Britain, and all with the windows and artificial roofs built in. The high walls of this one, at The Queen's Club, are painted black, absorbing the lighting overhead and bringing out the shadows properly as a field of 24 men play for the British Open championship, part of the "grand slam" of real tennis. The tournament, surprisingly, is only 17 years old. Anne Boleyn's window has been covered by a blue wooden board advertising British Land, the sponsor.

The winner will earn £2,000 (\$3,150). You need to be able to live on the poverty line," said the No. 1 seed, Robert Fahey, a 26-year-old Australian who won the world championship in an upset.

As previous world champion, the 39year-old Australian Wayne Davies had earned the right to invite challengers to his club in New York, where he is the head professional. His court is slightly larger

been good. Must have been before he put on the weight."
than the others, and he had learned how to spin the ball off of its walls. No one in seven years had been able to relieve him of the world championship when Fahey began training last spring to do just that.

"He plays a lawn tennis style game, which we both play." Fahey said. "When I

bledon have been held only 108 times.
"The ball's probably quite similar to the one they used to use; not quite as heavy and a little bit bigger maybe," Fahey went on. "The racket hasn't changed. It's one of the only games where it's easy to compare the old champions with the new ones.

'Before she got her head taken off, old Anne Boleyn used to peek out through that window to watch Henry VIII playing." Richard Adams, tournament organizer.

started playing, he was the best, so I tried to play the way he did."

By "lawn tennis style" he meant a more powerful game, as opposed to the tradi-tional style of placement and backspin. Fahey became the youngest world champion in history, which means something in this sport. "This is the oldest world championship of any sport ongoing," he said.
"The world title has been sort of continuous for something like 500 years."

The lawn tennis championships at Wim-

As the royal tennis professional at Hobart Tennis Club in Australia - it's known as royal tennis there and as court tennis in the United States --- Fahey constructs 200 balls per month by hand. Each one takes a half-hour and can last for two years, though its vellow-felt cover is usually replaced weekly. It's solid and smaller than the ones at Wimbledon, and it bounces like a tennis ball that has been

played in the rain for a few weeks. It's also slightly lopsided, like the soccer

balls and basketballs in the days before television came along and ruined every-thing. The small head of the racket is lopsided, too, shaped like a hand, supposedly, but more resembling a teardrop. Leaned up simply against a wall, the racket has the personality of the chair in Van Gogh's bedroom. More powerful graphite rackets have been outlawed for fear they would change the game.

It all fits together wonderfully. If Wimbledon is becoming less of a joy and more of a habit — unhappy, staccato points contested by two self-important players then this is the real game, as real as the everyday job of adapting oneself to a new house. The reality is that bad bounces happen all the time. The skill is to pounce on them, perhaps even to enjoy them. There are no McEnroes here -- two outbursts of swearing or ball/racket throwing and you're out. The marker, or umpire, is always a fellow player.

As only 38 courts remain in play, with new ones running in the neighborhood of \$750,000, it still seems the domain of the rich. For social purposes, a prospective

player wouldn't take up real tennis unless he felt comfortable mixing with that crowd. Adams, who is a strategic accountant for Microsoft, and his friend, Julie Russell-Carter, a marketing executive for a dental group, fulfilled a dream of playing on every court in the world over the last year and found there are all types of fool-

Old rich or new rich - who's the bigger snob? The 20-something millionaire in allwhites who thinks he's god's gift because the public's been sold on lawn tennis? Or his peer in all-whites who can't earn more than \$3,000 this week for hitting a ball through Anne Boleyn's window?

"It's the old rich in America," Adams said with a roll of the eyes.

"It's the Racquet Club in New York," Russell-Carter added. "They don't allow women there. They don't even smile about it. You'd think people would at least make some kind of joke about it, or tell you they're uncomfortable about the rule. But they put you in a small room and say you can wait in there.

There you have it.

# **Skiers' Coldness** To Waiver Melts

By Ken Shulman

Special to the Revald Tribune FLORENCE — It is not unski at your own risk.

first two races of the men's World Cup season, a new waiver promoted by race organizers, for approval, has set the ski world simmering.

revision of its existing regulathat only athletes in possession sion. of a valid FIS license could compete on the World Cup cir-ratified in October by all of the

"The FIS license will be issued exclusively to those athletes declaration.

athletes have been told. And Olympic gold medalist, was one after an initial brave resistance, of the first skiers to voice his it appears that the skiers' re- reservations, along with a teamsolve is beginning to melt.

waiver was generated by the up in last year's women's World World Cup resorts that host the Cup standings and a gold medal various events. These organizers were concerned about their Lilleham:ner, called the mea-liability in the case of the injury sure "blackmail," but said she or death of one of the competi-

dent seemed to indicate that Maier had hit her head on a wooden post protecting an eleclike the waiver printed on the tric timing device that organiz-back of every lift ticket, and the ers had placed beside the message is equally clear: You course. Hubert Schweighofer, Maier's companion and the fa-As unusually temperate Eu-ropean weather wiped out the sued the Garmisch resort for negligence.

In October, a Munich court dismissed Schweighofer's suit, and summarily submitted to on the ground that the court both male and female athletes had not discovered any negligence on the part of the Garmisch resort. The Munich mag-The waiver, known on the istrate, Rudiger Hodl, added circuit as the "athlete's declara- that Maier had not hit her head tion," was born in Rio de Janei- on the timing post, but rather ro at the annual June congress on a pile of snow on the border of the International Ski Federa- of the race course. Schweightion, or FIS. In a wide-ranging ofer, calling the ruling "incomprehensible and scandalous." tions, the federation decided said he would appeal the deci-

The new FIS regulation was national ski federations except And there was the rub. Be- Italy's, translated into the varicause, as stated clearly in article ous national languages and sub-206.2 of the new FIS regulation, mitted to the athletes for signa-

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would sign the document.

Several athletes and federa-Last January, the Austrian tion officials protested the timskiler Ulrike Maier was killed ing of the measure, arguing they during a downhill race in Gar- had not been allowed enough



WARMING UP — The French-bred Hernando, entered in Sunday's \$4 million Japan Cup, being taken for a gallop Thursday by Cash Asmussen. The odds-on favorites are expected to be France's Apple Tree and the Brazilian-bred Sandpit.

Either sign or stay away, the slalom star and three-time eration lawyers to analyze the erage.

\*\*The base have been told And Olympic cold medalist was one regulation and explain it to "Unable to reopen an issue Swedish athletes.

> The German skier Tobias Barnessoi complained to reporters that "the FIS had an entire year to draw up this paper, and we are meant to sign within 10 days."

ternational federations, the versy surrounding the release Italian ski federation, issued an waiver is a result of the undue official declaration on Tuesday haste with which it has been stating that it would submit the submitted to the skiers. misch, Germany. An initial time to read and discuss the athlete's declaration to its skianalysis of the film of the acci- document. The Swedish federa- ers, and announced that it presented with a text, some-

who have personally signed the sent out shock waves among the tion's president. Johan Sagner, would unilaterally bolster the times in a foreign language, that request form and the athlete's athletes on the World Cup cir- has said that he will ask for an safety of Italian World Cup ski- we've had problems." he told cuit. Alberto Tomba, the Italian extension in order to allow fed- ers with broader insurance cov- The Associated Press. "I'm con-

> that had been ratified unanimously by all the other federations," wrote its president. Carlo Valentino, "the Italian federation has concentrated on reinforcing the safety of its own athletes."

"That's an injustice." he said. Secretary, Gianfranco Kaspar, The lone dissenter among in- agrees that much of the contro-

"It's where skiers have been

vinced it's because they understood the text."

Kaspar also claims that the new regulation does not absolve race organizers of responsibility for accidents and fatalities that are a result of negligence.

"Judges still have the right to intervene and order an investigation if there is a suspicion of negligence," he said.

But as the women prepared to open their season Saturday in Park City, Utah, with a slalom followed by a giant slalom, the suspicions of the skiers had still to be laid to rest.

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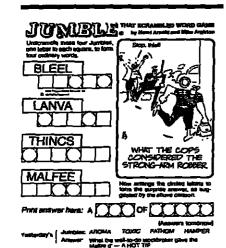
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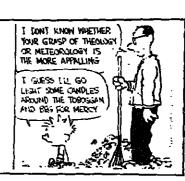
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# **BLONDIE**





Roberto Baggio dodged Admira Wacker defender Helmut Graf for the first of his two goals, giving Juventus a 2-0 lead.

# Lions Make Bills Look Like Turkeys

PONTIAC, Michigan -Dave Krieg passed for 351 yards and three touchdowns Thursday while the Detroit Lions' defense harrassed Jim Kelly with three sacks and two interceptions in a 35-21 victory over the Buffalo Bills in a Na-

tional Football League game. The loss left the Bills (6-6) at .500 deeper into the season than at any time since 1986, the last time they failed to qualify for

It is a situation the Bills clear-

VIENNA --- Juventus of Tu-

Midfielder Antonio Conte

Then it was the turn of Ju-

who have played in and lost. the last four Super Bowls, are concerned with wrapping up home-field advantage for the

They might still qualify for the AFC playoffs as a wild card, but the chances of catching the Pete Metzelaars. Miami Dolphins and winning the AFC East now seem re-

NFC playoffs, needed only two might make a comeback.

Baggio got his second goal, in the 42d minute, after Knaller

dived to stop a shot by Baggio.

But as the ball squirmed away,

Baggio pounced to tap it into

the net. Knaller protested in

vain to the Scottish referce, Les-

lie Mottram, that he had had

Admira on a header in the 56th

Michael Binder scored for

Napoli got away with just a

1-0 defeat at Eintracht Frank-

defender Helmut Graf's legs to men for the second half when in two weeks. (AP, Reuters)

the ball in his hands.

ly aren't used to. Usually at this plays on two of their four point in the season the Bills, touchdown drives. Kelvin Pritchett, who had

only two sacks all season, recorded all three hits on Kelly. Kelly completed 29 of 35 passes for 273 yards, with a 20-yard TD throw to Russell Copeland and a 27-yard scoring pass to

But the plays that hurt the Bills most were two fourthquarter interceptions by De-The Lions (6-6), who remain troit safety Willie Clay, each alive for a wild card spot in the just as Buffalo looked like it

given his second yellow card.

in the 54th minute.

Even then, the German club's

Nantes, the French first divi-

goal came from a deflection off

Italian defender Renato Buso

sion leader, crushed the visiting

Swiss team Sion, 4-0, as Patrice

Loko scored in the 15th minute

Goals by Japhet N'Doram in

the 51st minute and Claude

Makelele in 78th gave Nantes

what is likely an unbeatable

and Jean-Michel Ferri in the 33d.

Buffalo's next possession, Clay stepped in front of Thurman Thomas, picked off an underthrown ball and ran 28 yards untouched for the clinching touch-

Krieg went 6-of-6 for 93 yards,

the last play a 12-yard TD pass

to Brett Perriman that put the

The Bills answered with a 73-

yard, eight-play drive, Kelly scrambling in from 15 yards

with 4:04 remaining to narrow

Then, on the second snap of

the gap to seven points again.

Lions ahead, 28-14.

It was the third start for the veteran Krieg, forced to take over after Scott Mitchell broke his right wrist against Green

The Lions ran a flea-flicker on the second snap of the game and it worked for a 51-yard touchdown. Krieg handed off to Barry Sanders to start the play. He flipped the ball back to Krieg, who found Herman Moore wide open behind Henry

Sanders, who rushed 19 times for 45 yards, had a 4-yard TD run for a 14-0 lead in the second

# Canadian Football: A New Indignity?

By Anne Swardson ton Post Service

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TORONTO — Canadians have feared for years that their Star when the Las Vegas fran-nation was being stolen by their chise was announced. "There is nation was being stolen by their neighbor to the south. Their movie stars leave for Hollywood, their tourists for Florida.

And an expansion team from Baltimore, a team less than a year old and with no name, may well win the 85-year-old Grey Cup, the emblem of the proud game of Canadian football.

This is only the second season in which American franchises have been allowed in the Canadian Football League. So when a 14-12 playoff victory over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers last Sunday sent Baltimore to the championship game against the British Columbia Zons this Sunday in Vancouver, Canadians were quick to skimp along, or get into bigger worry that they were losing yet another national tradition.

"Since the Yanks have taken over much in this country that's worth taking, why should the trend?" a columnist. Jim Hunt. wrote in Monday's editions of the Toronto Sun.

Las Vegas and Shreveport, Louisiana, also have first-time CFL franchises this season. Last year, Sacramento, California, became the first American home for a CFL team. This week, a new expansion franchise will be awarded to Memphis, Tennessee. San Antonio, Texas; Birmingham, Alabama; Milwaukee; Hartford, Connecticut, and Long Island, New York, have been mentioned as possible sites for another. That would bring the total number of teams in the CFL to 14, eight of them Canadian and six Ameri-

The southern migration of Canadian football mirrors the gradual transformation of the National Hockey League from a Canadian institution to a predominantly American phenomcnon and raises fears that the one sport Canada had left to itself is being sucked away.

the very real prospect of a Grey Cup game pitting, say, Sacramento against Nashville. The tradition of an all-Canadian

Grey Cup that knits East and

West together for one day a

year will be lost," According to the CFL commissioner, Larry Smith, southern expansion was not a choice but a necessity. Attendance at games has been declining steadily for several years, as has television viewership. Smallermarket teams such as the Ottawa Rough Riders and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats live hand-to-

"We had two options: Stay as a league north of the border and markets and grow our business," Smith said. He added that he would like to see the CFL expand to 24 teams, and he is currently negotiating with

mouth.

Smith did not put it this way, but the implication for Canadian football is the same as for other entities perceived as endangered in Canada: If Canadians want to keep them, they should buy more of them.

People in Canada have had long time to enjoy football, and the reason we've had to expand to the U.S. is because of mediocre acceptance," said

"The league is in grave danger of losing its Canadian identity," editorialized the Toronto

Dan Ferrone, president of the Canadian must meet Canadian-content quotas. None of the four American teams has any Canadian dorses the expansion.

> Winnipeg fans at last Sunday's game, played in belowfreezing temperatures with winds blowing at 35 miles (55 kilometers) an hour, indicated displeasure with the American incursion. A banner hanging at the game said, "No Grey in the U.S.A.," and two fans held the Stars and Stripes upside down in a reference to the 1992 World Series, between Toronto and Atlanta, when Marines on parade inadvertently upended Canada's maple leaf flag. Although the game is similar

to American football, there are some key differences. Each team uses 12 players rather than 11, and the field is 110 yards long and 65 yards wide. Three downs are played rather than four. The game is faster-paced. and, especially because the end zone is deeper, there is more passing. The Bombers lost Sunday's game, for instance, partly hit the crossbar.

same rules as those governing Canadian-based franchises. Like Canadian radio and television stations, Canadian football

Author Fay Vincent Puts Down His Pen

ican teams has any Canadian players, while all eight of the Canadian franchises must limit American participation to 17 players out of a 37-man roster.

Baltimore aficionados point out, however, that the other U.S. franchises have been struggling this season, and that their success comes because management selected seasoned CFL veterans as players along with some rookies, and chose as coach a six-time Grey Cup winner, Don Matthews - an

The team has been received enthusiastically in Baltimore, where attendance at Memorial Stadium routinely has been averaging more than 35,000 -- almost twice as much as such struggling CFL teams as the Toronto Argonauts and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. This is despite the fact that the Baltimore team is nameless. Owner Jim Speros is still le-

terback, Matt Dunigan, to the name he wants, the Baltimore slotback, Gerald Wilcox, in the CFL Colts. Fans who have not end zone was deflected when it forgotten the dark day in 1984 when the National Football Canadian fans complain that League Colts were spirited Baltimore's inaugural season away to Indianapolis still chant has been so sensational because C-O-L-T-S at games, however. the team is not covered by the and the players sport horse heads on their helmers and uniforms. Canadian sportswriters have taken to calling the team The Horse With No Name.

Little Brown, which was paying a \$300,000 advance, said he had completed about two-

When a proposal for the project became

public, it caught the attention of some people

who were not flattered by the proposal's char-

acterization of them. Bud Selig, the acting

commissioner, and Jerry Reinsdorf of the

Chicago White Sox were among that group. They led the move to oust Vincent, who

resigned as commissioner on Sept. 7, 1992.

thirds of what he had planned to write.

#### Riled FIA Gives Beckenbauer a Quick Kick in the Response

furt despite being reduced to 10 edge when the teams play again

make it 2-0 in the 16th minute. defender Fabio Cannavaro was

The Associated Press

NUREMBERG, Germany - FIFA's message to Franz Beckenbauer, who thinks some soccer rules are stupid: "Go play golf, breed horses, sail around the world, book a trip to the moon. But leave the rule book of our sport to us.

There are no studid or the most stupid' rules as you stated so keenly. The really stupid are those who live from soccer and don't know the rules," FIFA's spokesman, Guido Tognoni, said in an open letter to Beckenbauer.

The letter was published Thursday by the magazine Kicker and came in response to comments made by Beckenbauer last weekend.

Beckenbauer, president of Bayern Munich, lost his temper when World Cup referee Hellmut Krug sent off Osei Kuffour, Bayern's 18-year-old, inexperienced defender from Ghana, during a 2-2 draw with Karlsruhe.

Kuffour, following treatment for an injury on the sidelines, had rushed back onto the pitch without the referee's per-

Beckenbauer called the rule "the most stupid" in soccer. Bayern's captain, Lothar Matthäus also flew into a rage and faces possible disciplinary action by the German federation for suggesting the referee had been bribed by Karlsruhe. "You don't really mean to tell us and yourself that different soccer rules

should apply to you and Bayern than the rest of the world," said Tognoni. He suggested that Beckenbauer should leave the job of Bayern chairman to someone else "since it doesn't seem to be

good for you." Beckenbauer, who became Bayern

chairman last week, is one of the greatest stars of soccer. He was captain of the German team which won the World Cup title in 1974, and coached Germany to victory at the 1990 World Cup.

Grant Hill (left) and Glenn Robinson: The Pistons also won.

#### SIDELINES

#### 2 NHL Stars Sign to Play in Russia

TORONTO (AP) - Two of the National Hockey League's Russian stars, Pavel Bure of the Vancouver Canucks and Alexander Mogilny of the Buffalo Sabres, have decided to sign with Moscow Spartak of the Russian League.

Bure and Mogilny returned to Russia in early November to play

with Russian NHL all-stars on a six-game charity tour and have decided to stay in Russia for the duration of the NHL lockout. Also playing for Spartak are Nikolai Borschevsky of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Vitali Prokhorov of the St. Louis Blues and Vyacheslav Fedosov, formerly of the New Jersey Devils.

#### Holyfield Cleared to Fight Again

ROCHESTER, Minnesota (AP) - Evander Holyfield, the heavyweight diagnosed as having a heart condition after his loss of the WBA and IBF titles to Michael Moorer last April, has received medical clearance from the Mayo Clinic to fight again.

Mike O'Hara, a hospital spokesman, said Holyfield is in "excellent health. We have put no restrictions on his activities." O'Hara said the boxer underwent extensive tests over three days last week

Holyfield was first diagnosed as having a "stiff heart," a noncompliant left ventricle that prevents sufficient oxygen from being pumped to muscles and tissues. Another doctor disgnosed the condition as sarcoidosis, which causes the growth of small, fibrous tumors in the tissues it attacks.

# Hill Wins First Matchup Against Robinson, 20-9

No one was putting the na-

scent rivalry between Grant attle. Hill and Glenn Robinson up there with Bill Russell-Wilt Chamberlain or Magic Johnson-Larry Bird.

Still, the two rookies had to start somewhere, and Hill prevailed when the two faced each other for the first time in the National Basketball Associa-

He outscored the draft's top pick, 20-9, as the Detroit Pistons beat the Milwaukee Bucks, 113-108, Wednesday night.

"I think we were so concerned about stopping each other that we did just that," Hill said. "It was the other guys on our team who stepped up and won this game."

With the two matched up on both ends of the court, Robinson, the leading collegiate scorer last season at Purdue, missed 12 of 14 shots and had six turn-

"I knew they would press," said Detroit's coach, Don Chaney. "This was billed as the marquee matchup — the first time they butted heads in the NBA. That's too much pressure phia in 1977 and 1984. to put on any young player."

Detroit led by 14 points with 4:18 to play, but committed six fouls in less than three minutes, allowing Milwaukee to pull within three in the final minute.

advantage of a Detroit turnover with 45 seconds left, and Joe Dumars, who scored 23 points, sank four straight free throws to ensure victory.

Jazz 113, Sonies 103: Jeff Hornacek made an NBA record 8-of-8 3-pointers and finished

with a career-high 40 points as Utah, playing at home, beat Se-

Hornacek made all three of his long-range shots in the first period, then did the same in the third quarter. He sank both in the final period to break the old

#### NBA HIGHLIGHTS

mark of 7-of-7 3-pointers set by Terry Porter in 1992 and tied by Sam Perkins in 1993.

Hornacek's 14 points in the third quarter, on 5-for-7 shooting, boosted the Jazz to an 88-73 lead heading into the fourth. The Sonics closed to 94-84 with 9:10 left in the game, but Utah responded with a 19-8 spurt.

Suns 140, Clippers 109: Host Phoenix became the first team in NBA history to have 10 players in double figures, while win-less Los Angeles lost its 11th straight.

The Suns dressed only 10 players for the game because of injuries to Kevin Johnson, Wayman Tisdale and Charles Barkley. But they surpassed the mark of nine double-figure scorers in a game by Philadel-

Rookie Wesley Person scored 19 points, Danny Schayes 17 points, Danny Manning 15 and Danny Ainge 11 plus 12 assists.

Magic 117, Rockets 94: In But the Bucks failed to take Orlando, Shaquille O'Neal scored 30 points and Anfernee Hardaway had 29 plus nine rebounds and a career-high seven steals as Houston was handed its second straight loss.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 27 points and 10

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commissioner of major league baseball, savs

he has decided not to complete the book he

and a collaborator have been writing.
"I've decided that it's probably best for baseball and for me that I keep my counsel

about the past," Vincent said Wednesday by telephone. "Baseball has enough trouble. I

don't need any more controversy in my life."

Vincent, who had been writing the book for

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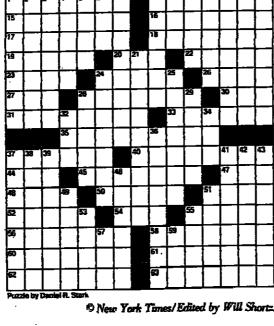
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#### Economic Slumberland

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Reading an article on popular music the other day, I was halfway through

before realizing I was asleep.
A primitive conviction that anything can be learned if you have the patience to read about it remains with me despite long experience to the contrary. Another primitive impulse, however, has lately been sending me into dreamland whenever I delve into difficult subjects.

I will never need sleeping pills as long as there's a computer manual. A page or two on RAM and ROM and I'm the sandman's most peaceful baby.

What anesthetized me in the pop-music article was a reference to punk rock and macho rock. Mere tots are totally knowledgeable on these subjects, but to me they are as remote as the moons of Uranus. To me there is only one kind of rock; namely, loud rock.

It's wonderful that anybody has ears subtle enough to tell punk rock from macho rock, nerd rock or rock-'em-sock-'em rock. I can't do it, and would like to learn, but an ancient in-ner voice whispers, "Nobody can master everything, pal, so why not settle for a little nap?"

"Well," you may ask if you are Alan Greenspan, "if you're not qualified to dilate on simple rocks, how can you dare talk about economics, as you obvi-ously intend to do?"

The answer is I'm not going to talk about economics, but merely ask a few simpleton's questions. These have occurred to me over the past few weeks just before falling into deep slumber from opening paragraphs of economics news stories.

For instance, about the Federal Reserve people constantly raising interest rates: I know they do it for our own good. To prevent inflation. And I understand that inflation would be a terrible disaster.

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I also understand that whether we're hit by the inflation catastrophe depends on people who buy and sell bonds. If they

think we are inflation bound, it's "So long, sweetheart!"

They start buying or maybe selling bonds - I'm not sure which - at a prodigious rate. and the whole country is kaput. So obviously, having us at their mercy, they must be kept happy. Meaning, assured that inflation is not in the cards.

That's why Greenspan and company have to keep raising rates. There's a drawback though. Raising rates keeps the economy hissing and knocking like a car with a missing cylinder. With each rate rise, businesses that are about to boom slow down instead. Out-of-work people with good job prospects

remain out of work instead. This unhappiness — misery for some - is all for the greater good of the whole country. Hence, commendable.

My question is this: Shouldn't the country treat these people at least as well as it treats its military people? They get uniforms, decent salaries, early-retirement pension plans.

Why not the same for the businessmen ducking the bankers' artillery, the unemployed working stiffs living on pasta and beans? They're on the front line every day sacrificing to keep a terrifying bond market at bay.

This leads to a second economics question; to wit. why are politicians suddenly so eager to make welfare people take jobs? Here is the Federal Reserve doing its best to keep unemployment high so as to pacibond people, while politicians insist that these already unemployed welfare peo-

ple become dis-unemployed. Does this make economic sense? Wake me if you find out. New York Times Service

Buu Chi: Bittersweet Hope of a Vietnamese Artist By Sherry Buchanan HONG KONG — November is the month when the northeast

monsoon starts soaking Hue, Viet-nam's imperial capital and cultural center, where But Chi, one of Vietnam's best-known artists, was born and has spent most of his life. This November, Buu Chi hoped he could have a break from the heavy humidity of the monsoon and be allowed to travel to Hong Kong for his one-man, monthlong show at Galerie La Vong.

which specializes in Vietnamese art. week before the show was to begin, he to any isms — it isn't necessary. Be-still had no news. \_\_\_\_\_ fore being beautiful, still had no news. Buu Chi stili thought

he might have a slim chance. He had been allowed to travel in 1988 to Paris, where he lived for six months, although he was refused permission to travel to the United States in

great artists. His aesthetically pure, artist, he went to law school, heeding sometimes luminous, sometimes ashthe paternal warning that "being a en oils on paper would have to speak painter was a poor man's career." Unlike many other contemporary

Vietnamese artists shown at Galerie La Vong, Buu Chi's work stands out for its humanist message. No colorful Hanoi street scenes, water buffalo, rice paddies or flowers. Here is a painter who is not in the travelogue business and who doesn't paint for a Western audience interested in souvenirs from their Asian trips.
"In Vietnam, he's unique," says

Judy Day, an art historian and part owner of Galerie La Vong, who, with her partner, Shirley Hui, traveled back and forth to Hue with most of the paintings for the exhibition. The gallery has shown more than 20 Vietnamese military tribunal ese artists since it opened in June for five years for being a rebellious 1993, and it has recently published student." He spent six months in soli-

Buu Chi paints man's dehuman-

ending struggle to control and victimize those who don't agree with them. But he paints with none of the ugly despair and alienation of so many East European artists who suf-fered as he did for their belief in freedom of expression under totalitarian regimes. He stays somewhere in the background, allowing the image to gain the precision of calligra-phy, but with light and color, and

make its own statement. "You have to paint as you live and think," he said in a telephone inter-He had applied for a passport, but a view. "I don't belong to any school,

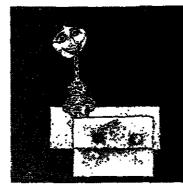
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work, but they have to be authentic." Buu Chi was born in Hue in 1948, the 1993. But, he didn't receive his pass- son of a civil servant. His father paintport. The door that Vietnam has ed on Sundays, and young Buu Chi. opened wide to foreign business, re- started to draw at his father's side. But mained shut for one of the country's instead of following his talent as an

> The Vietnam War, the Tet offensive, the brutal occupation by the Vietcong and the bloody battle in Hue changed all that. Hue was held by the Vietcong for 25 days in 1968, the year of the Tet offensive, which led to a 10-day battle between American troops and the Vietcong that left thousands dead and homeless. Vietcong rockets and American bombs flattened whole neighborhoods.

Bun Chi had just turned 20. The good student and dutiful son became obsessed by the horror and destruction of the war and joined the student peace movement in Hue. In 1971, he was arrested and jailed in Saigon by a "Fine Contemporary Vietnamese Art: tary confinement and was repeatedly Poetic Reflections," a collection of tortured, but he continued to do pow-Vietnamese artists, including Buu Chi. erful ink drawings in his cell at night.

He was released on April 30, 1975. ization, pettiness of spirit and never- the same day helicopters were airlift-



Above, one of Buu Chi's 1994 paintings; at right, a drawing done when he was in jail.

ing Americans still in Saigon from the rooftop of the U.S. Embassy to safety aboard ships of the 7th Fleet as the North Vietnamese tanks prepared to move into Saigon.

"That day I felt I had been liberated at the same time my country had been liberated. That day, I thought I could be a liberator, I was so full of hope that I could build my country," Buu Chi says. It is that bittersweet hope that he pours onto his canvases.

His figurative paintings, which in-

clude "Falling Angel," "Renewal of a Soul" and "The Flowering of Life," have brilliant reds, a color that for Buu Chi represents "passion, but also the mental crisis of my soul and the color of blood and suicide," and silvery whites, which in "Falling An-"is goodness which happens once in a while, but which is lost in evil. If an angel lives in our world, he can become a devil." "Crazy Clown," the multicolored and tragicomic head balancing a lighted candle as if in a circus act, is Buu Chi's image of "the collective madness in Kampu-

chea and even in Vietnam." His use of color reflects his admiration for Gauguin and van Gogh, whose works he was able to become more familiar with during his stay in Paris. He describes that time as "friends which finally meet," referring to his intimacy with French culture from his days at the lycée in Hue. His still lifes are mostly in ashen tones, in contrast to the brightly col-

"The coffee cup," he says, "it's me projecting myself into still life. The liquid in the cup, the black liquid is inyself. My soul is always bitter." Can it really be that bitter? There is no sarcasm or spite in Buu Chi's voice, and he laughs a lot, usually at himself. Of "Fish Bones," about the futility of life, he says, laughing: "That's all that's left. It's me in the future."

It isn't the guitar-playing singer who likes to wear American T-shirts or the French intellectual who keeps looking for the meaning of life, but the Vietnamese mandarin, full of ancient wisdom, who answers: "I hide my misanthropy behind my sense of humor. Humor hides bitterness. it's

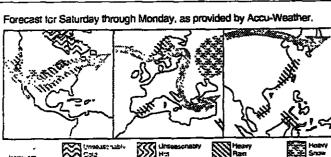
ored figurative paintings. Titles in-clude "Fish Bones," "Dried Squid" and "Falling Cup." an Oriental way. I don't mean to deceive; one can have a great sense of humor in a life of disappointments. deceive; one can have a great sense of humor in a life of disappointments. "I think life is a comedy for those

who think and a tragedy for those who feel. I live with this contradiction." There are only two nudes in the exhibition, serene and loving — the sharp edge and bitterness is gone. "I don't paint many portraits of women," he says. "I feel it is too intimate, but I admire beauty, some

times essential, sometimes spiritual." There is a peaceful place after all in Bun Chi's restless soul. There is also the hope that in the future, he will be able to travel the world to meet those

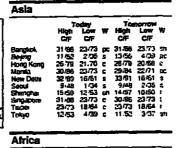
who are captivated by his art. Sherry Buchanan is a journalist based in Hong Kong.

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SQUABBLE between the widow and A the ex-wife of Kenneth Tynan, the British drama critic, has heated up. Elaine Dondy, who was married to him from 1951 to 1964, is angry at her successor, Kathleen Tynan (they married in 1967; he died in 1980), who included several letters written by her husband to Dundy in "Kenneth Tynan: Letters," published in England last month. Excerpts appeared in The New Yorker, and Dundy wrote a letter to Tina Brown, the magazine's editor, and to editors in London. "It certainly seems odd." she wrote, "that the widow of a man by his second marriage may publish letters written to his first wife without her knowledge or consent." Reached in Los Angeles, where she lives. Dundy said, "This gives the false impression that I gave them to her to publish." Sharon Delano, the editor of the American version of the book, which will be published next year, said the contents of letters belong to the writer or the

Darcy Van Varenberg, the wife of the Belgian action-film star Jean-Claude Van months of marriage, citing irreconcilable

writer's estate, and not to the recipient.

differences. She asked the Los Angeles court to void a prenuptial agreement and said she was entitled to half the assets from the marriage and everything Van Damme had given her, including a Cartier watch, a Harley Davidson motorcycle and a BMW.

**PEOPLE** 

The German painter and photographer Sigmar Polke has received the Erasmus Prize in Amsterdam for his "creative and active" contribution to European art. Polke was recognized for the "innovative technics he uses to experiment with materials and the influence he has on younger artists," said Yvonne Goester of the Praemium Erasmianum Foundation, sponsor of the award.

Grace Slick will get \$865,000 from Marin County, California, officials in a settlement over a fire caused by park workers welding a gate that destroyed her house in 1993. Along with the mansion, the blaze consumed memorabilia such as clothing worn by John Lennon, a platinum record Belgian action-film star Jean-Claude Van and tapes of recording sessions with Jeffer-Damme, has filed for divorce after nine son Airplane and Jefferson Starship, for which Slick was lead singer.



David Crosby could be out of the hospital in as little as two weeks after undergoing a liver transplant, his doctor says. Crosby's condition has been upgraded from serious to good, and he was moved out of the intensive care unit at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles.

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